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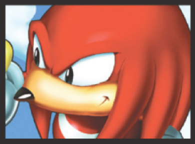

THE ECHIDNA

AND THAT'S NOT ALL! ▶ ▶ ▶

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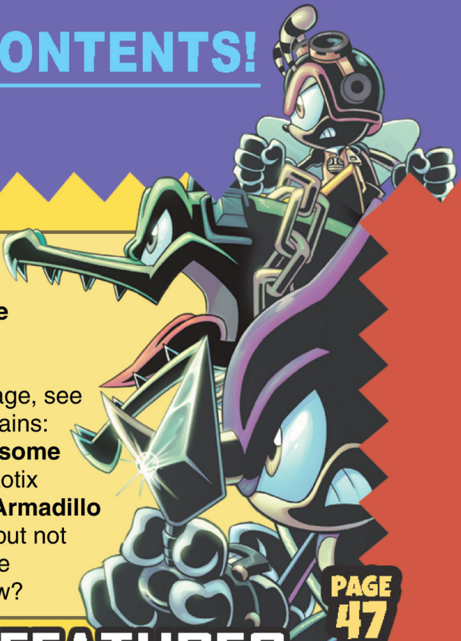
TEAM CHAOTIX

This issue's **Super Spotlight** is dedicated to **Team Chaotix** -- **Vector the Crocodile, Espio the Chameleon**, and **Charmy Bee!**

After checking out their profile page, see the gang battle their very first villains: **Mammoth Mogul** and his **Fearsome Foursome**! Then, classic Chaotix reserve member **Mighty the Armadillo** must face his friend **Sonic** ... but not under his own free will! Will the Foursome menace begin anew?



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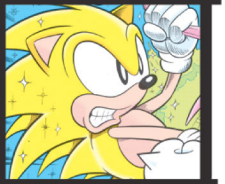

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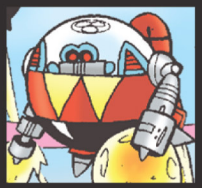
CLASH OF THE TITANS!

What happens when you add 7 chaos emeralds, 50 magic rings, 1 crazy hedgehog, 1 hot-headed echidna, *and* add in an unstable zone? You get **Super Sonic** VS **Hyper Knuckles** in the biggest brawl of the Sega century!

SUPER ACTION

THE MAP

Sonic's buddy **Antoine** goes solo to find the other half of his father's missing map! But at the end of his quest lay **Snively** and a legion of **Egg Robos**! Will Ant return alive?



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This week, **Professor Dillon Pickle** and his assistant **Cucumber** study the **echidna:** *nature's moody monotreme*! Then, check out our featured tale starring Knuckles the Echidna, **"Invaders From Beyond!"**

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Wentos the Traveling Salesman and his **Chao Puppet** tell us all about **Angel Island**, home to **Knuckles** and the **Chaotix**! After that, read **"Patience"** to see what happens when **Doctor Eggman** takes it under siege! Will Knuckles give in to his home or to his heart?

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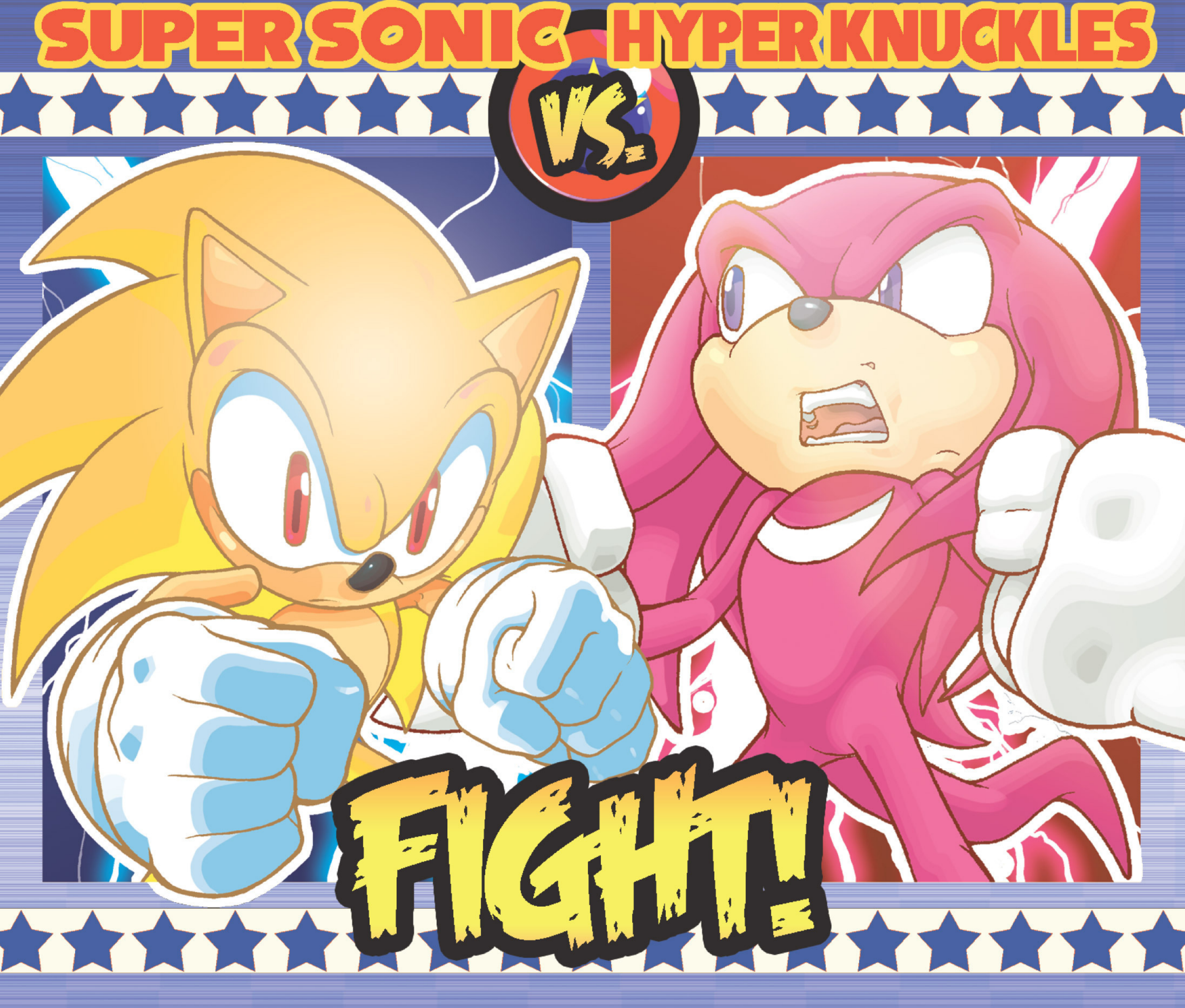
It's the Gold Streak VS the Hot Pink Powerhouse in: "CRASH OF THE TITANS!"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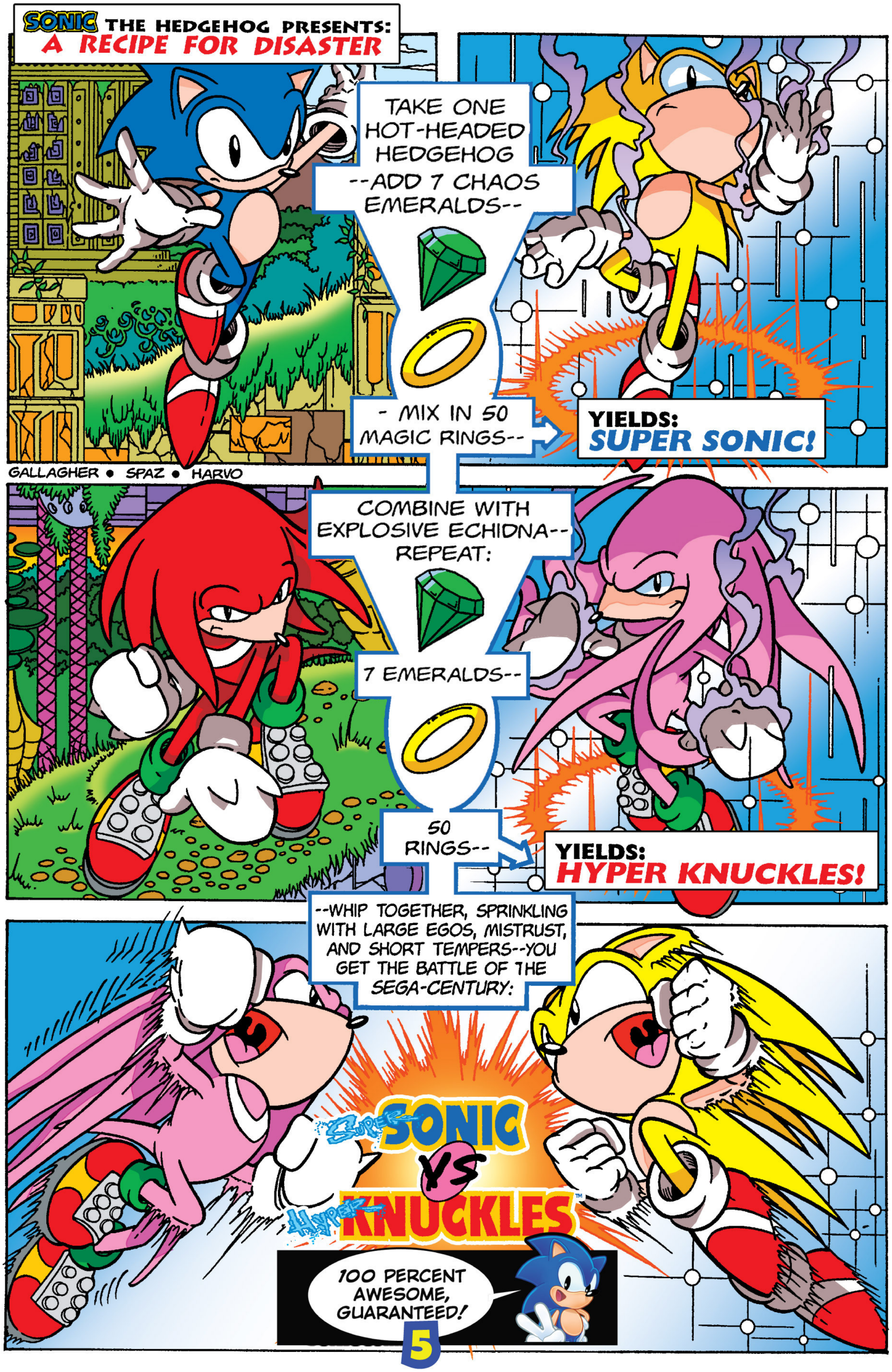
HYPER KNUCKLES
FIGHT!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A RECIPE FOR DISASTER
TAKE ONE HOT-HEADED HEDGEHOG --ADD 7 CHAOS EMERALDS--
- MIX IN 50 MAGIC RINGS--
YIELDS: SUPER SONIC!
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COMBINE WITH EXPLOSIVE ECHIDNA--REPEAT:
7 EMERALDS--
50 RINGS--
YIELDS: HYPER KNUCKLES!
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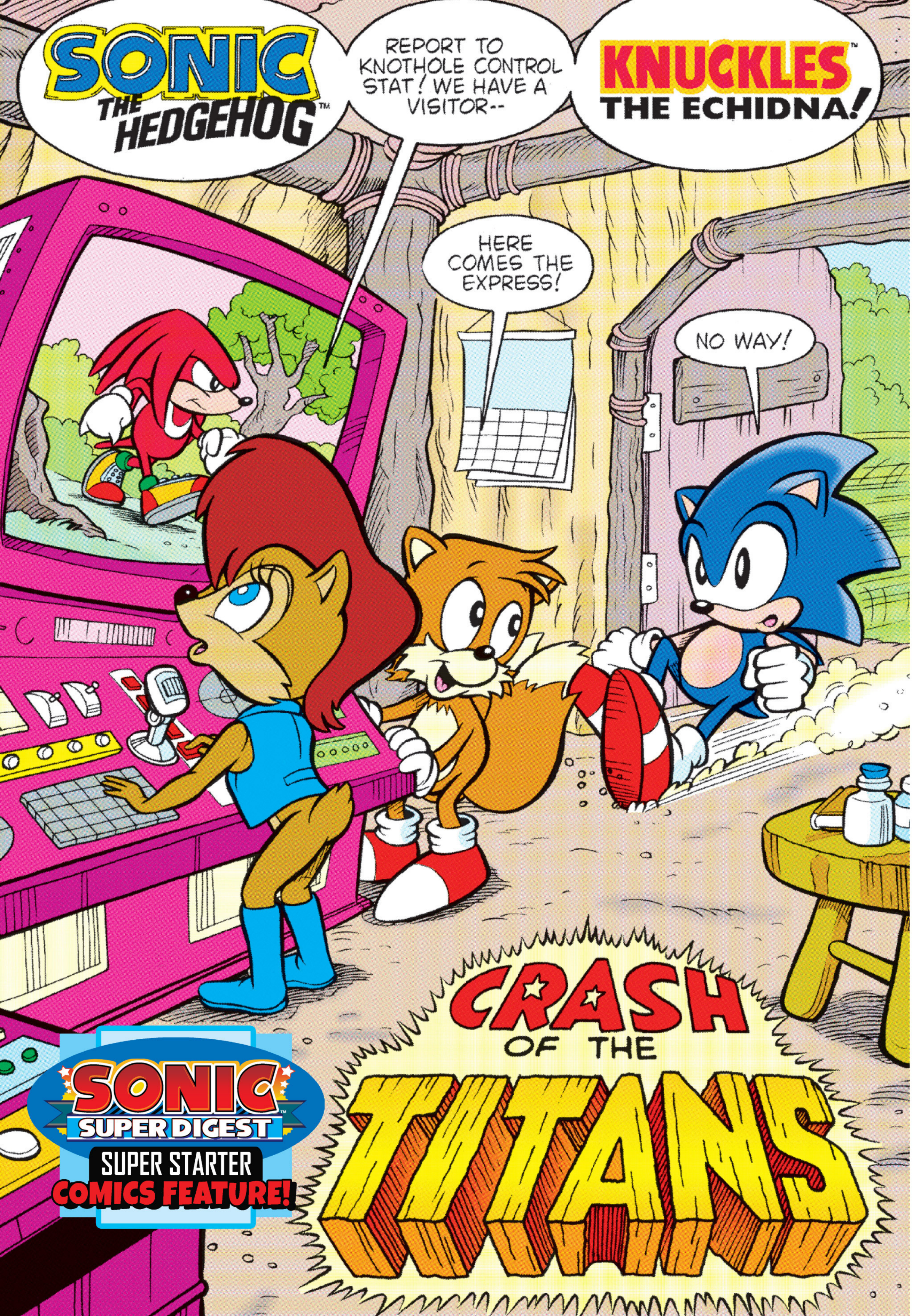
100 PERCENT AWESOME, GUARANTEED!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REPORT TO KNOTHOLE CONTROL STAT! WE HAVE A VISITOR--
KNUCKLES™ THE ECHIDNA!
HERE COMES THE EXPRESS!
NO WAY!
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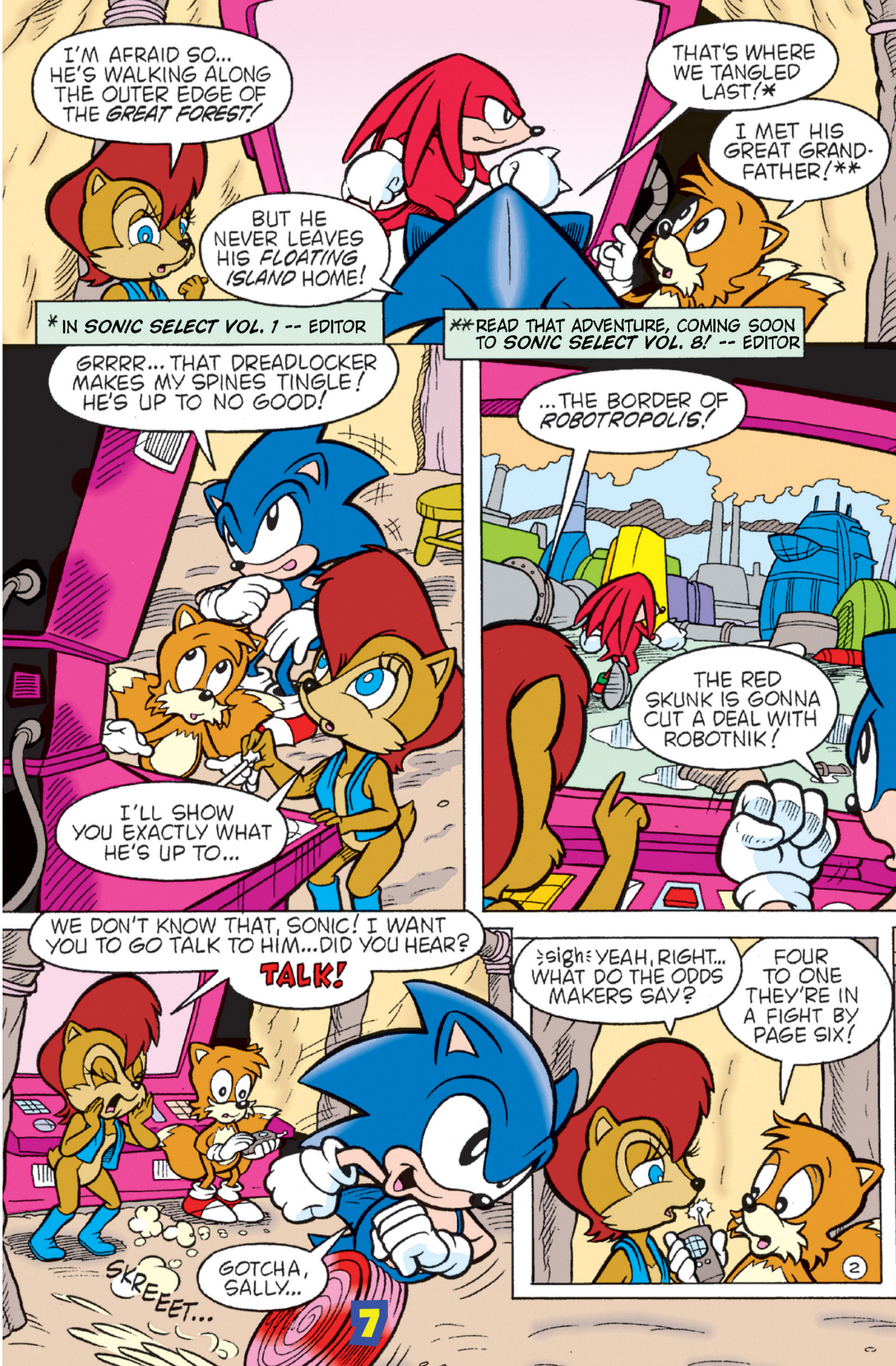
I'M AFRAID SO... HE'S WALKING ALONG THE OUTER EDGE OF THE *GREAT FOREST!*
BUT HE NEVER LEAVES HIS *FLOATING ISLAND* HOME!
THAT'S WHERE WE TANGLED LAST!*
I MET HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER!**
* IN *SONIC SELECT VOL. 1* -- EDITOR
** READ THAT ADVENTURE, COMING SOON TO *SONIC SELECT VOL. 8!* -- EDITOR
GRRRR... THAT DREADLOCKER MAKES MY SPINES TINGLE! HE'S UP TO NO GOOD!
I'LL SHOW YOU EXACTLY WHAT HE'S UP TO...
...THE BORDER OF *ROBOTROPOLIS!*
THE RED SKUNK IS GONNA CUT A DEAL WITH ROBOTNIK!
WE DON'T KNOW THAT, SONIC! I WANT YOU TO GO TALK TO HIM...DID YOU HEAR? TALK!
GOTCHA, SALLY...
SKREEEET...
⁝sigh⁝ YEAH, RIGHT... WHAT DO THE ODDS MAKERS SAY?
FOUR TO ONE THEY'RE IN A FIGHT BY PAGE SIX!
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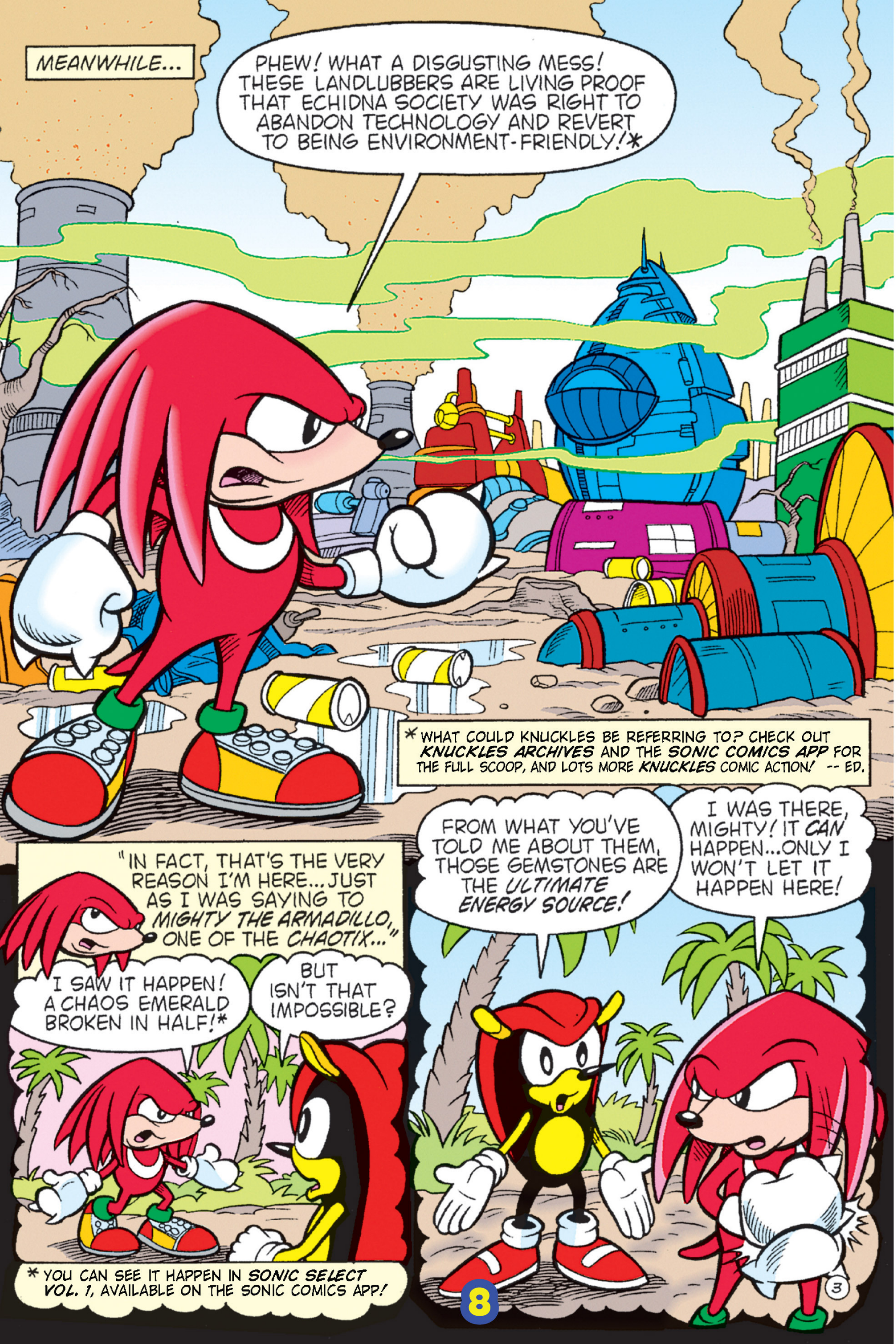
MEANWHILE...
PHEW! WHAT A DISGUSTING MESS! THESE LANDLUBBERS ARE LIVING PROOF THAT ECHIDNA SOCIETY WAS RIGHT TO ABANDON TECHNOLOGY AND REVERT TO BEING ENVIRONMENT-FRIENDLY!*
* WHAT COULD KNUCKLES BE REFERRING TO? CHECK OUT *KNUCKLES ARCHIVES* AND THE *SONIC COMICS APP* FOR THE FULL SCOOP, AND LOTS MORE *KNUCKLES* COMIC ACTION! -- ED.
"IN FACT, THAT'S THE VERY REASON I'M HERE... JUST AS I WAS SAYING TO *MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO*, ONE OF THE *CHAOTIX*..."
I SAW IT HAPPEN! A CHAOS EMERALD BROKEN IN HALF!*
BUT ISN'T THAT IMPOSSIBLE?
* YOU CAN SEE IT HAPPEN IN *SONIC SELECT VOL. 1*, AVAILABLE ON THE SONIC COMICS APP!
FROM WHAT YOU'VE TOLD ME ABOUT THEM, THOSE GEMSTONES ARE THE *ULTIMATE ENERGY SOURCE!*
I WAS THERE, MIGHTY! IT *CAN* HAPPEN...ONLY I WON'T LET IT HAPPEN HERE!
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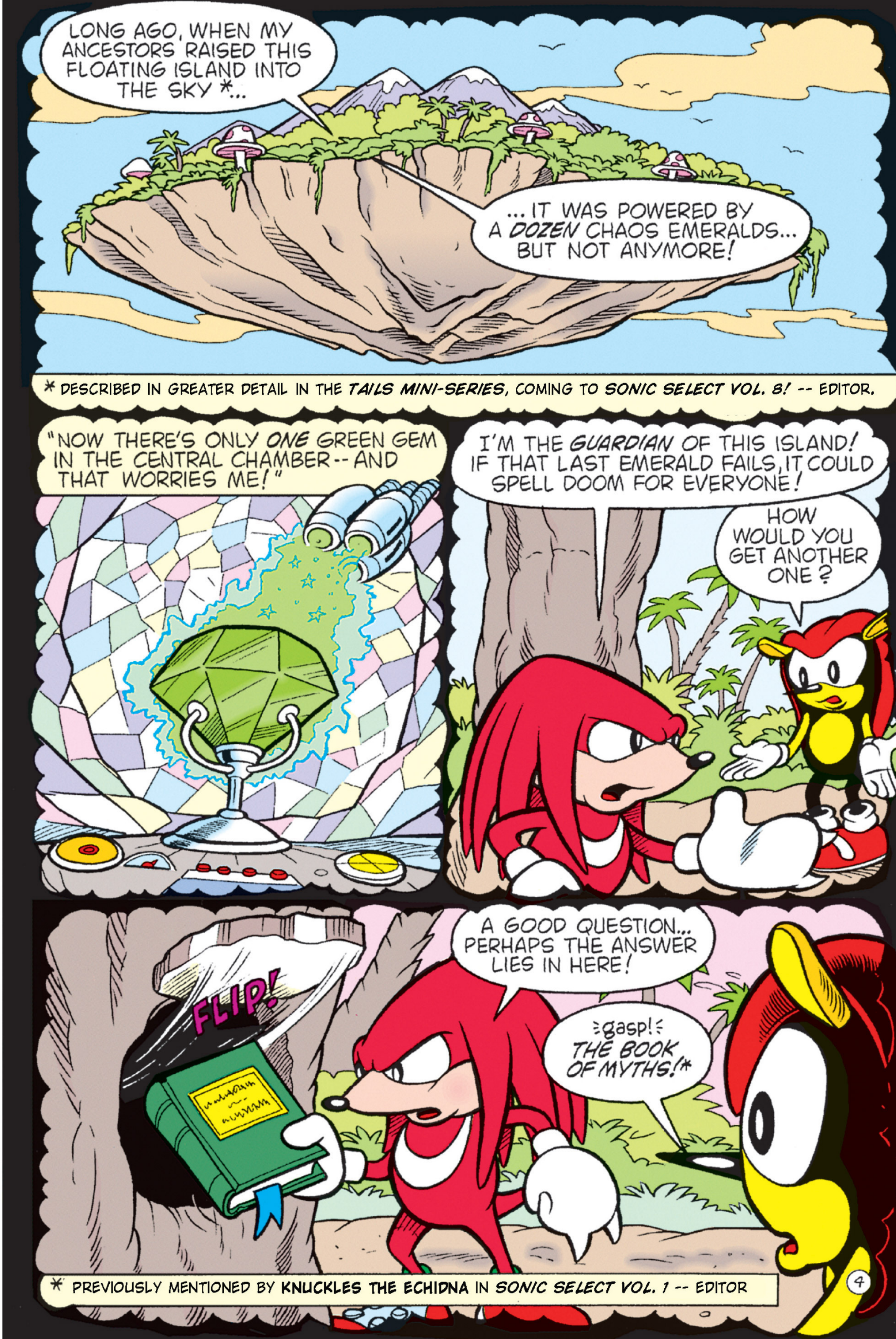
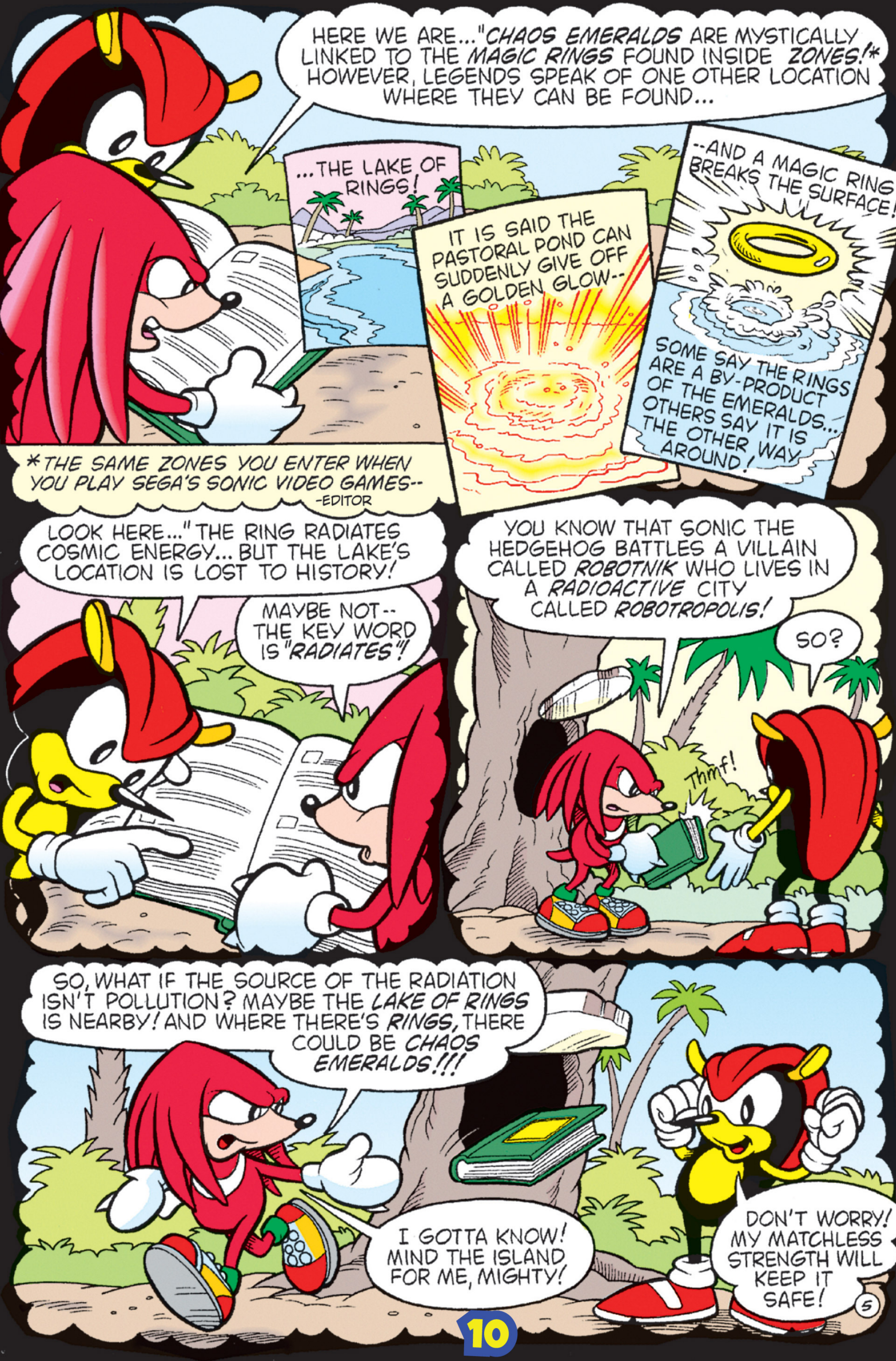

LONG AGO, WHEN MY ANCESTORS RAISED THIS FLOATING ISLAND INTO THE SKY *...
...IT WAS POWERED BY A *DOZEN* CHAOS EMERALDS... BUT NOT ANYMORE!
* DESCRIBED IN GREATER DETAIL IN THE *TAILS MINI-SERIES*, COMING TO *SONIC SELECT VOL. 8!* -- EDITOR.
"NOW THERE'S ONLY *ONE* GREEN GEM IN THE CENTRAL CHAMBER -- AND THAT WORRIES ME!"
I'M THE *GUARDIAN* OF THIS ISLAND! IF THAT LAST EMERALD FAILS, IT COULD SPELL DOOM FOR EVERYONE!
HOW WOULD YOU GET ANOTHER ONE?
A GOOD QUESTION... PERHAPS THE ANSWER LIES IN HERE!
FLIP!
gasp! *THE BOOK OF MYTHS!**
* PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED BY **KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA** IN *SONIC SELECT VOL. 1* -- EDITOR


HERE WE ARE..."CHAOS EMERALDS ARE MYSTICALLY LINKED TO THE MAGIC RINGS FOUND INSIDE ZONES!* HOWEVER, LEGENDS SPEAK OF ONE OTHER LOCATION WHERE THEY CAN BE FOUND...
...THE LAKE OF RINGS!
IT IS SAID THE PASTORAL POND CAN SUDDENLY GIVE OFF A GOLDEN GLOW--
--AND A MAGIC RING BREAKS THE SURFACE!
SOME SAY THE RINGS ARE A BY-PRODUCT OF THE EMERALDS... OTHERS SAY IT IS THE OTHER WAY AROUND!
*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER WHEN YOU PLAY SEGA'S SONIC VIDEO GAMES-- -EDITOR
LOOK HERE..." THE RING RADIATES COSMIC ENERGY... BUT THE LAKE'S LOCATION IS LOST TO HISTORY!
MAYBE NOT-- THE KEY WORD IS "RADIATES"!
YOU KNOW THAT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG BATTLES A VILLAIN CALLED ROBOTNIK WHO LIVES IN A RADIOACTIVE CITY CALLED ROBOTROPOLIS!
SO?
Thmf!
SO, WHAT IF THE SOURCE OF THE RADIATION ISN'T POLLUTION? MAYBE THE LAKE OF RINGS IS NEARBY! AND WHERE THERE'S RINGS, THERE COULD BE CHAOS EMERALDS!!!
I GOTTA KNOW! MIND THE ISLAND FOR ME, MIGHTY!
DON'T WORRY! MY MATCHLESS STRENGTH WILL KEEP IT SAFE!
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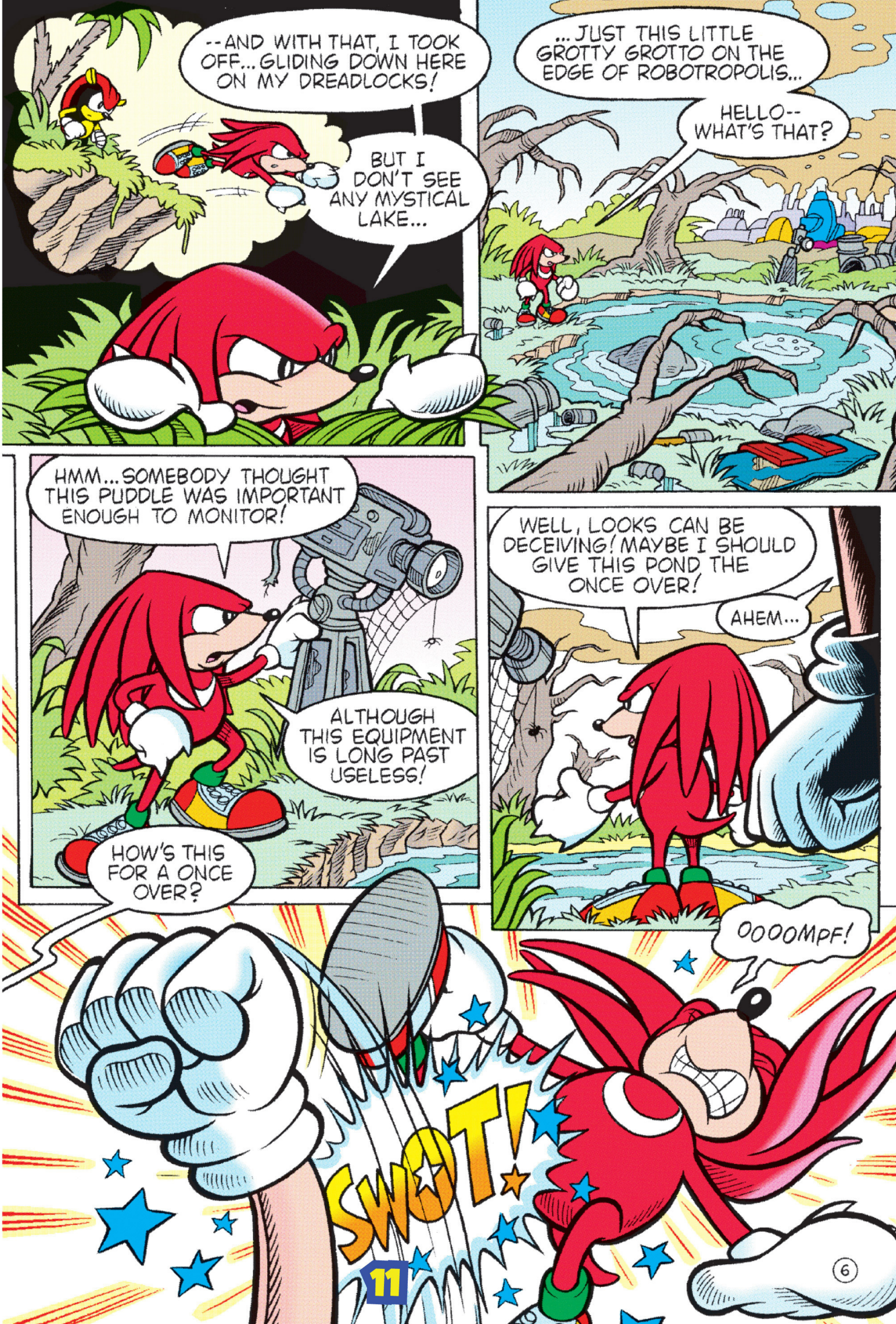
--AND WITH THAT, I TOOK OFF...GLIDING DOWN HERE ON MY DREADLOCKS!
BUT I DON'T SEE ANY MYSTICAL LAKE...
...JUST THIS LITTLE GROTTY GROTTO ON THE EDGE OF ROBOTROPOLIS...
HELLO-- WHAT'S THAT?
HMM...SOMEBODY THOUGHT THIS PUDDLE WAS IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO MONITOR!
ALTHOUGH THIS EQUIPMENT IS LONG PAST USELESS!
WELL, LOOKS CAN BE DECEIVING! MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE THIS POND THE ONCE OVER!
AHEM...
HOW'S THIS FOR A ONCE OVER?
OOOOMPF!
SWOT!
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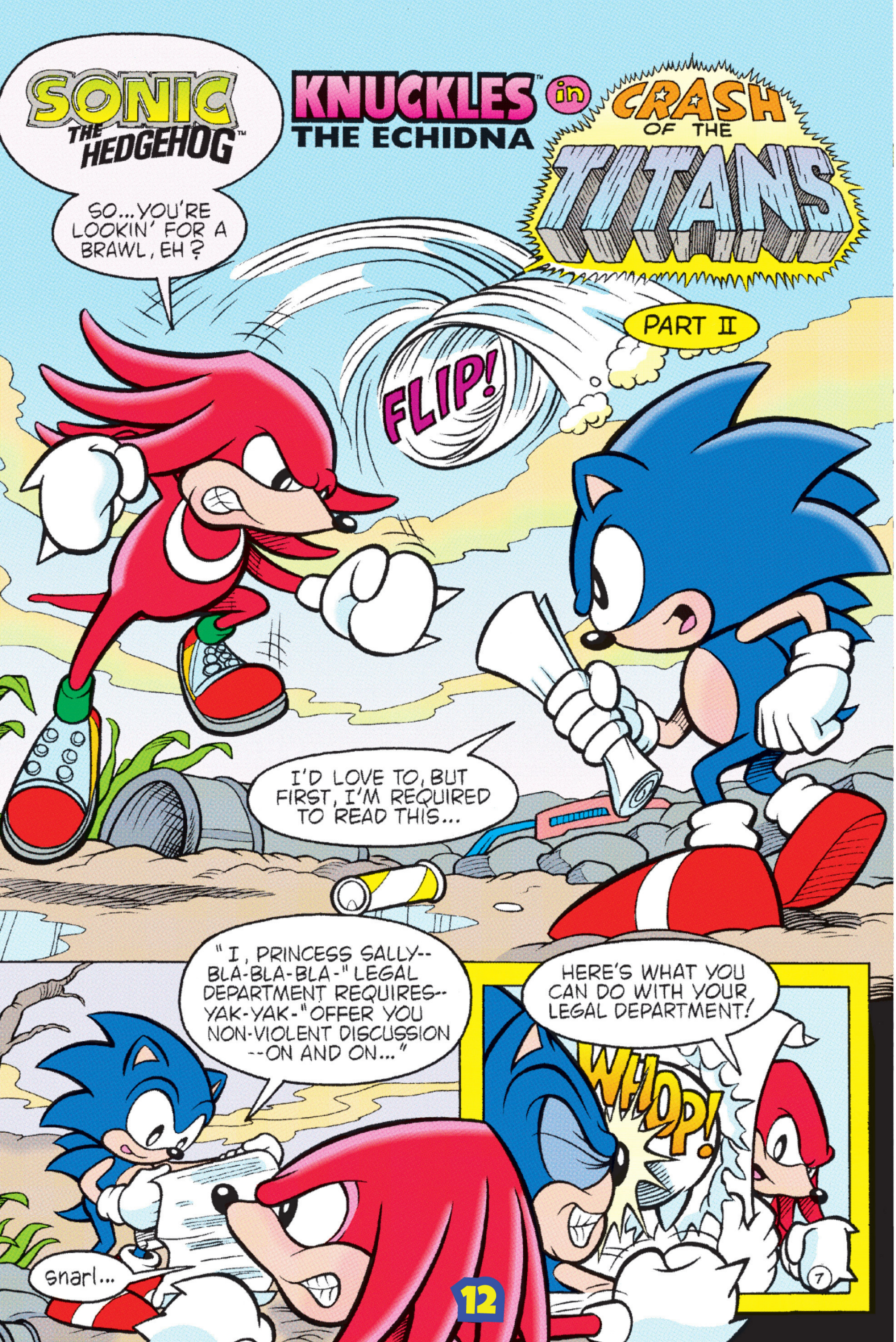
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KNUCKLES™ THE ECHIDNA in
CRASH OF THE TITANS
PART II
SO...YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR A BRAWL, EH ?
FLIP!
I'D LOVE TO, BUT FIRST, I'M REQUIRED TO READ THIS...
"I, PRINCESS SALLY-- BLA-BLA-BLA-" LEGAL DEPARTMENT REQUIRES-- YAK-YAK-"OFFER YOU NON-VIOLENT DISCUSSION --ON AND ON..."
snarl...
HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR LEGAL DEPARTMENT!
WHOP!
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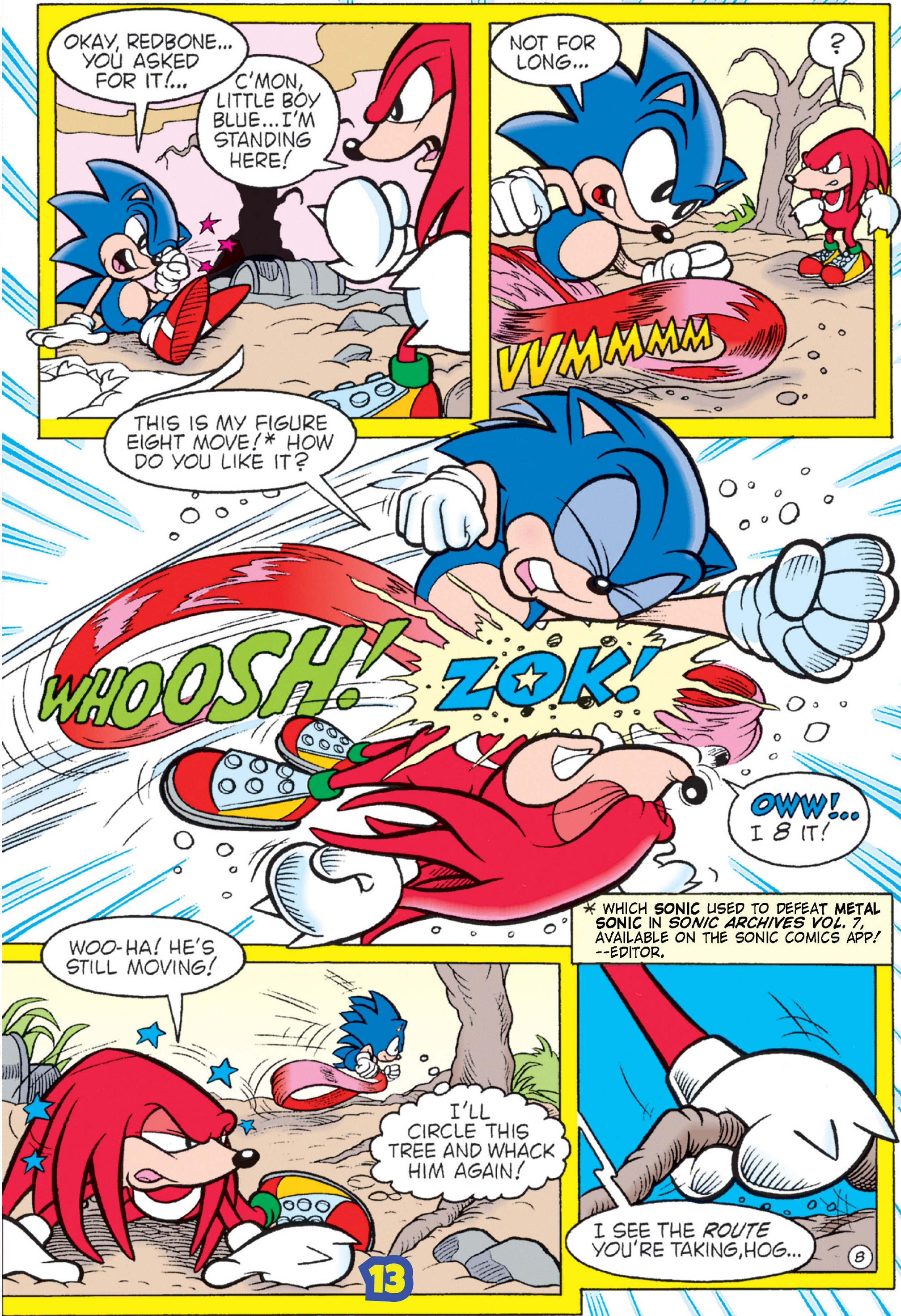
OKAY, REDBONE... YOU ASKED FOR IT!...
C'MON, LITTLE BOY BLUE... I'M STANDING HERE!
NOT FOR LONG...
?
VVMMMM
THIS IS MY FIGURE EIGHT MOVE!* HOW DO YOU LIKE IT?
WHOOSH!
ZOK!
OWW!... I 8 IT!
* WHICH SONIC USED TO DEFEAT METAL SONIC IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 7, AVAILABLE ON THE SONIC COMICS APP! --EDITOR.
WOO-HA! HE'S STILL MOVING!
I'LL CIRCLE THIS TREE AND WHACK HIM AGAIN!
I SEE THE ROUTE YOU'RE TAKING, HOG...
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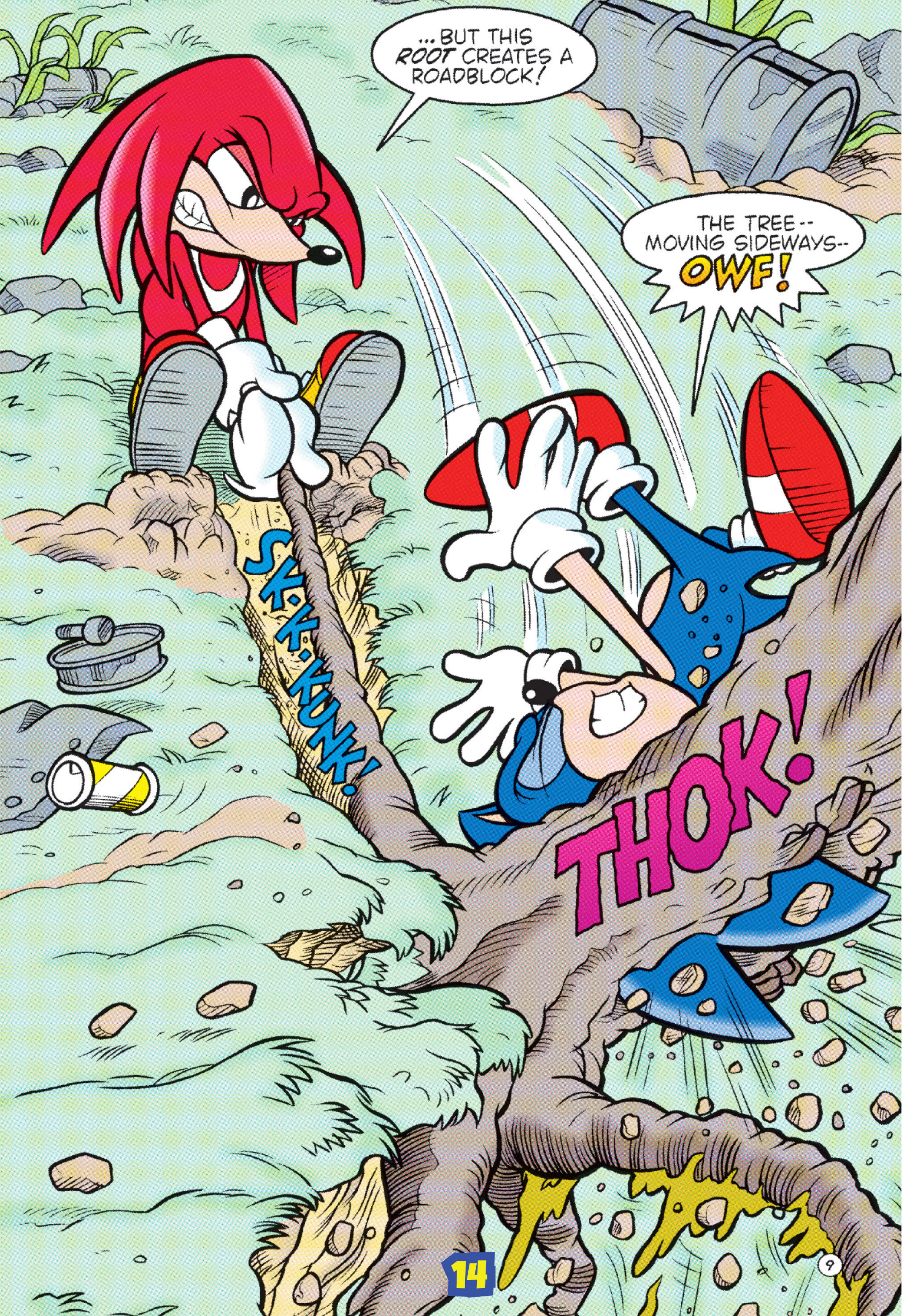
...BUT THIS *ROOT* CREATES A ROADBLOCK!
THE TREE-- MOVING SIDEWAYS-- OWF!
SK-K-KUNK!
THOK!
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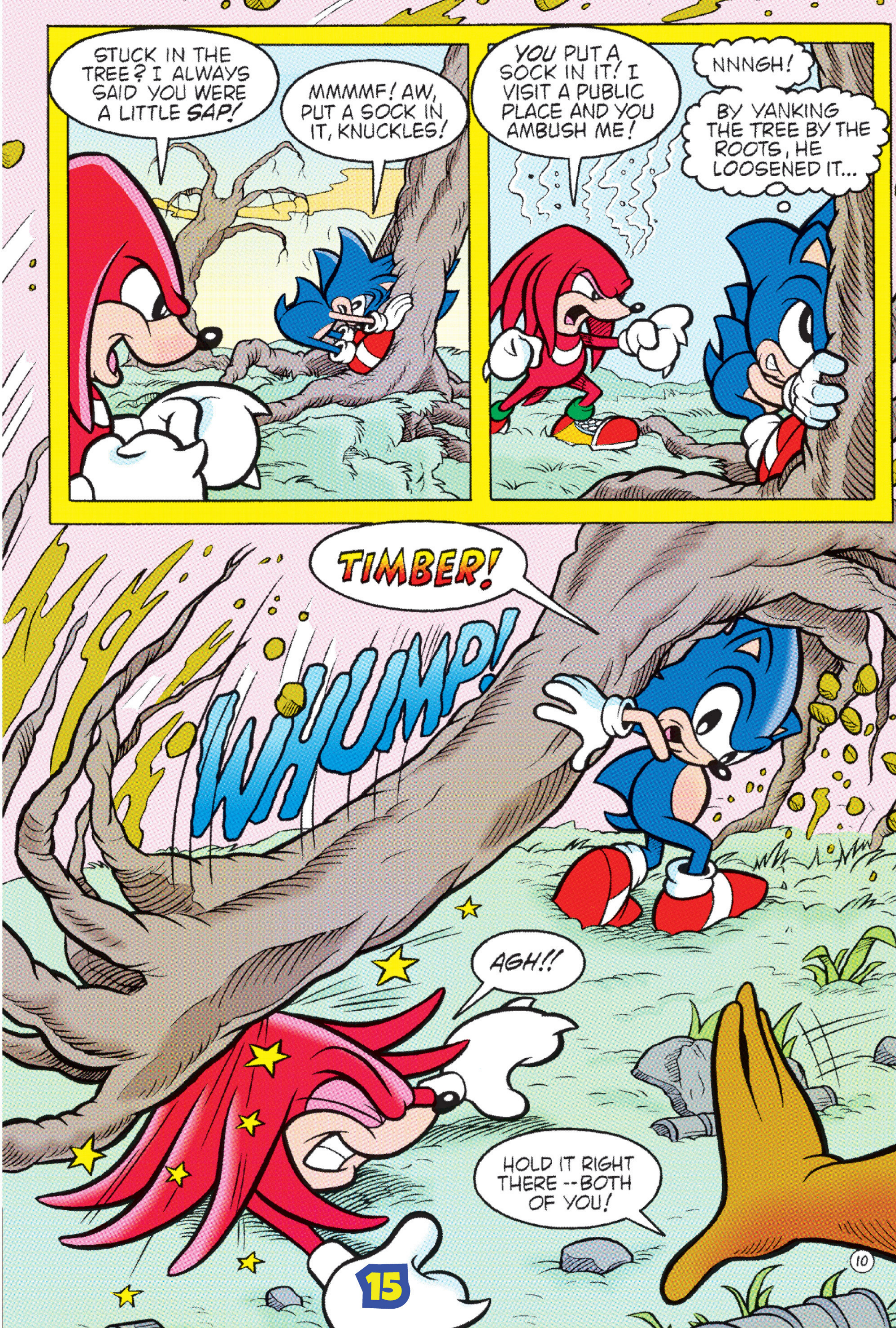
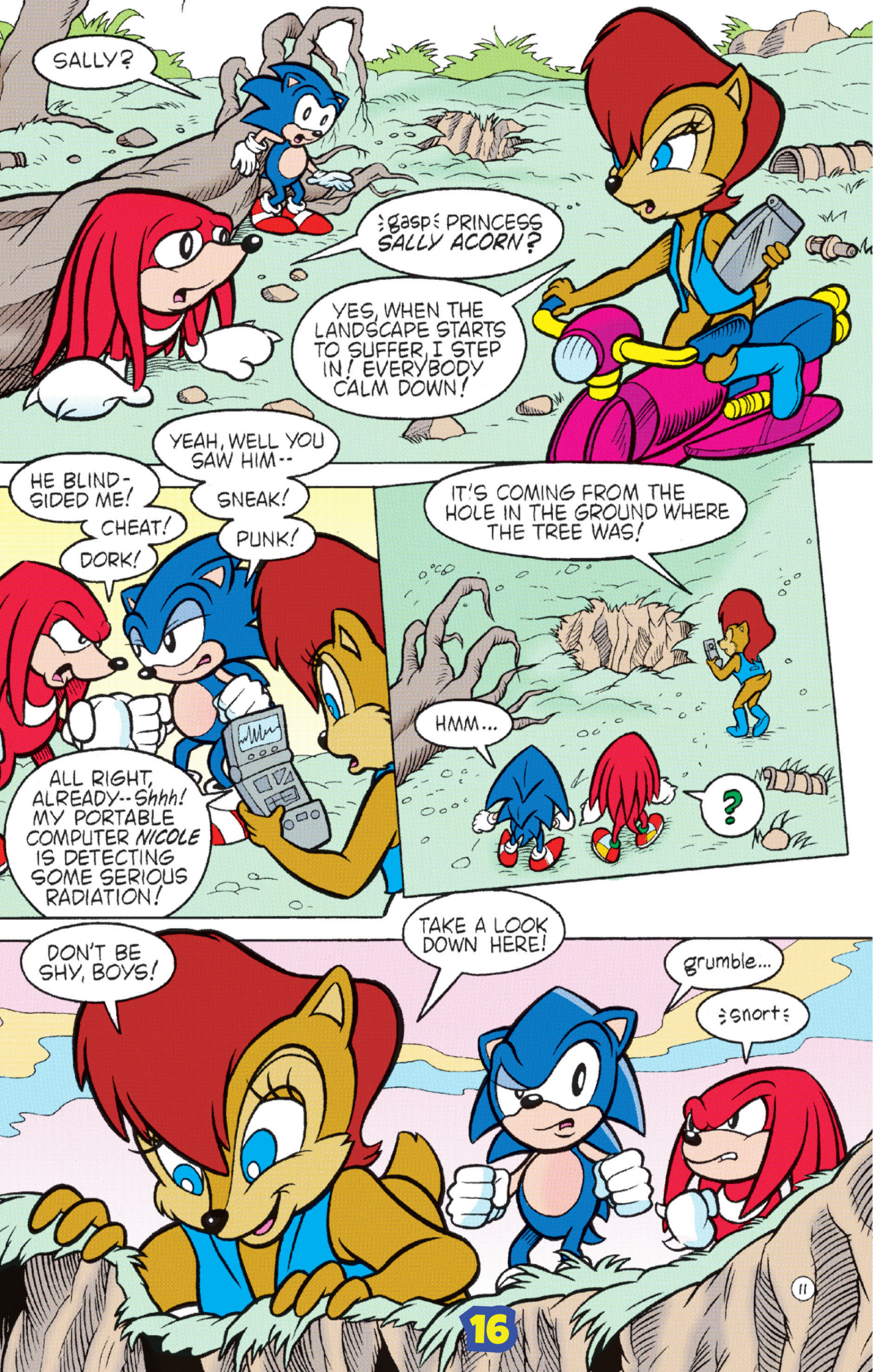

STUCK IN THE TREE? I ALWAYS SAID YOU WERE A LITTLE *SAP!*
MMMMF! AW, PUT A SOCK IN IT, KNUCKLES!
YOU PUT A SOCK IN IT! I VISIT A PUBLIC PLACE AND YOU AMBUSH ME!
NNNGH!
BY YANKING THE TREE BY THE ROOTS, HE LOOSENED IT...
TIMBER!
WHUMP!
AGH!!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE --BOTH OF YOU!


SALLY?
⁝gasp⁝ PRINCESS *SALLY ACORN*?
YES, WHEN THE LANDSCAPE STARTS TO SUFFER, I STEP IN! EVERYBODY CALM DOWN!
YEAH, WELL YOU SAW HIM--
HE BLIND-SIDED ME!
SNEAK!
CHEAT!
PUNK!
DORK!
ALL RIGHT, ALREADY--Shhh! MY PORTABLE COMPUTER *NICOLE* IS DETECTING SOME SERIOUS RADIATION!
IT'S COMING FROM THE HOLE IN THE GROUND WHERE THE TREE WAS!
HMM...
?
DON'T BE SHY, BOYS!
TAKE A LOOK DOWN HERE!
grumble...
⁝snort⁝
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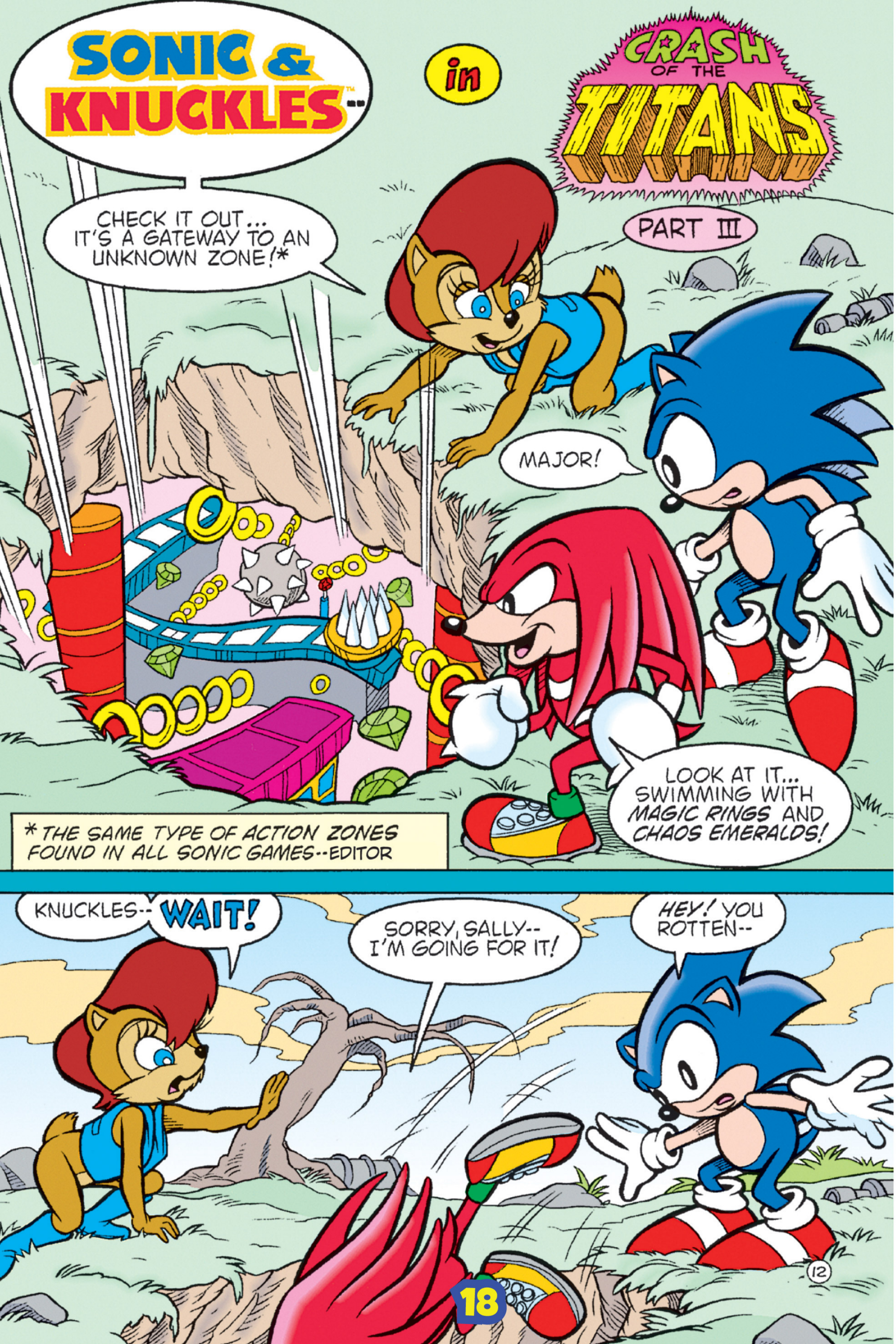
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PART III
CHECK IT OUT... IT'S A GATEWAY TO AN UNKNOWN ZONE!*
MAJOR!
LOOK AT IT... SWIMMING WITH *MAGIC RINGS* AND *CHAOS EMERALDS!*
* THE SAME TYPE OF ACTION ZONES FOUND IN ALL SONIC GAMES--EDITOR
KNUCKLES-- WAIT!
SORRY, SALLY-- I'M GOING FOR IT!
HEY! YOU ROTTEN--
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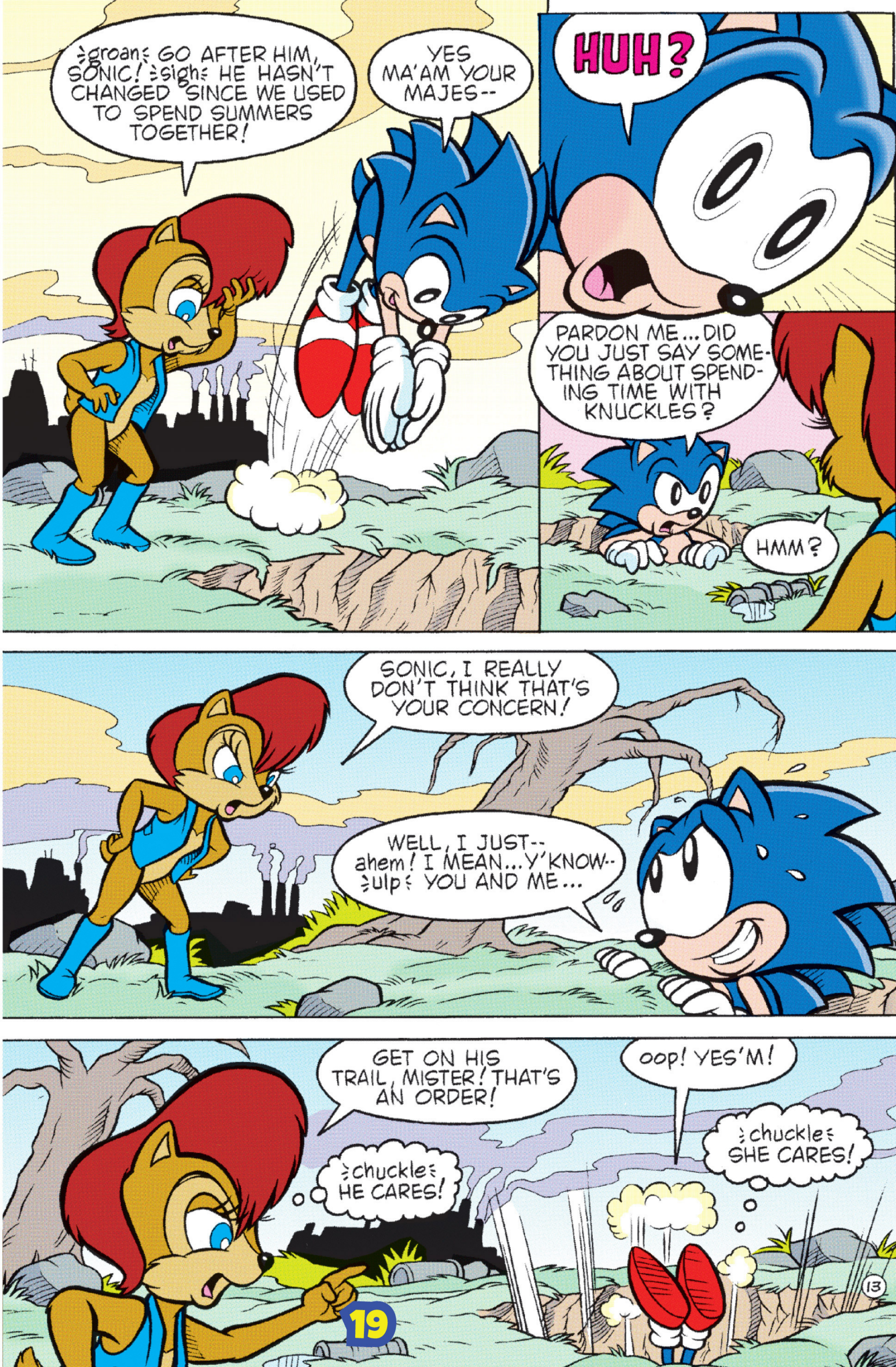

groan GO AFTER HIM, SONIC! sigh HE HASN'T CHANGED SINCE WE USED TO SPEND SUMMERS TOGETHER!
YES MA'AM YOUR MAJES--
HUH?
PARDON ME... DID YOU JUST SAY SOMETHING ABOUT SPENDING TIME WITH KNUCKLES?
HMM?
SONIC, I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT'S YOUR CONCERN!
WELL, I JUST-- ahem! I MEAN... Y'KNOW-- ulp YOU AND ME...
GET ON HIS TRAIL, MISTER! THAT'S AN ORDER!
oop! YES'M!
chuckle SHE CARES!
chuckle HE CARES!
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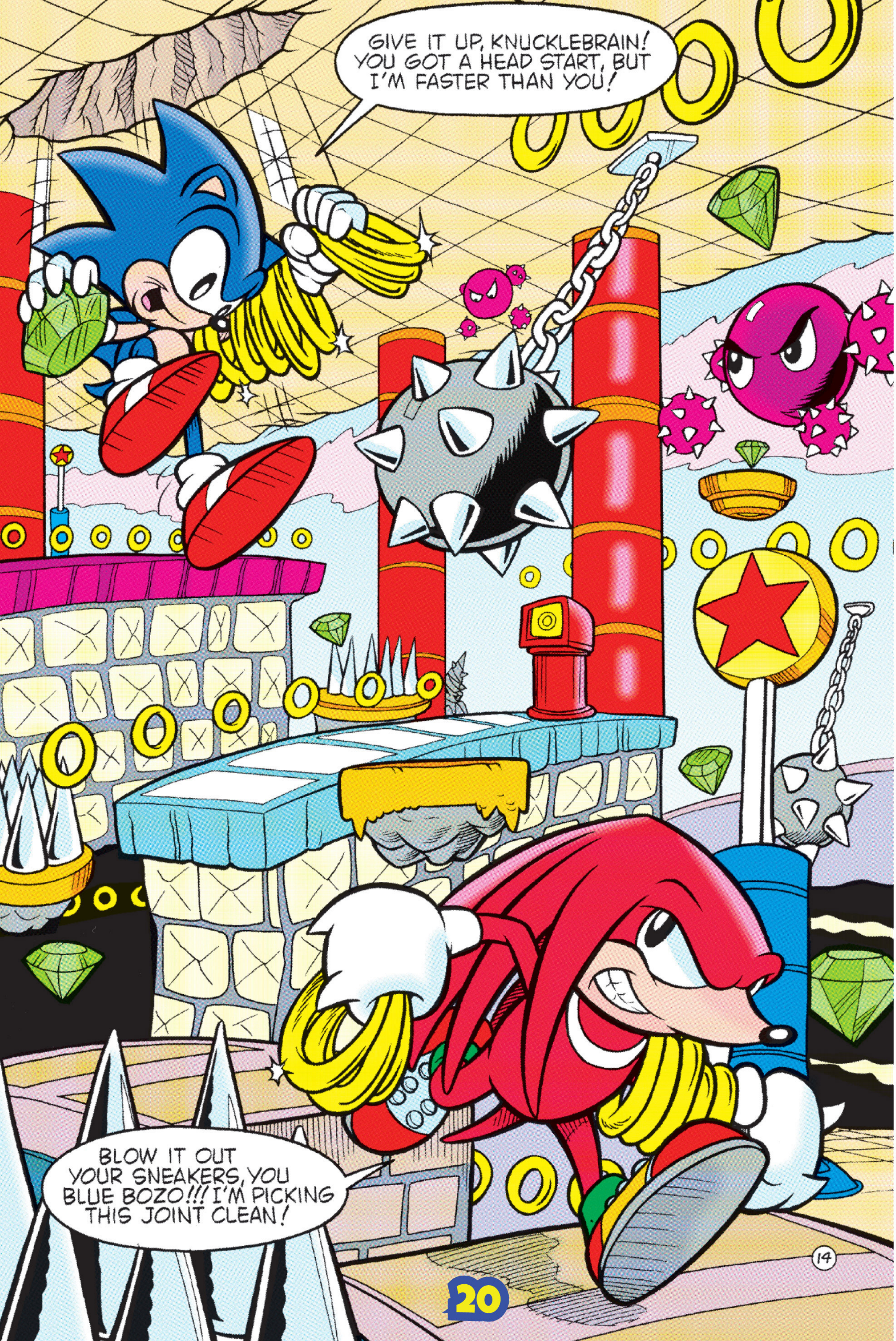
GIVE IT UP, KNUCKLEBRAIN! YOU GOT A HEAD START, BUT I'M FASTER THAN YOU!
BLOW IT OUT YOUR SNEAKERS, YOU BLUE BOZO!!! I'M PICKING THIS JOINT CLEAN!
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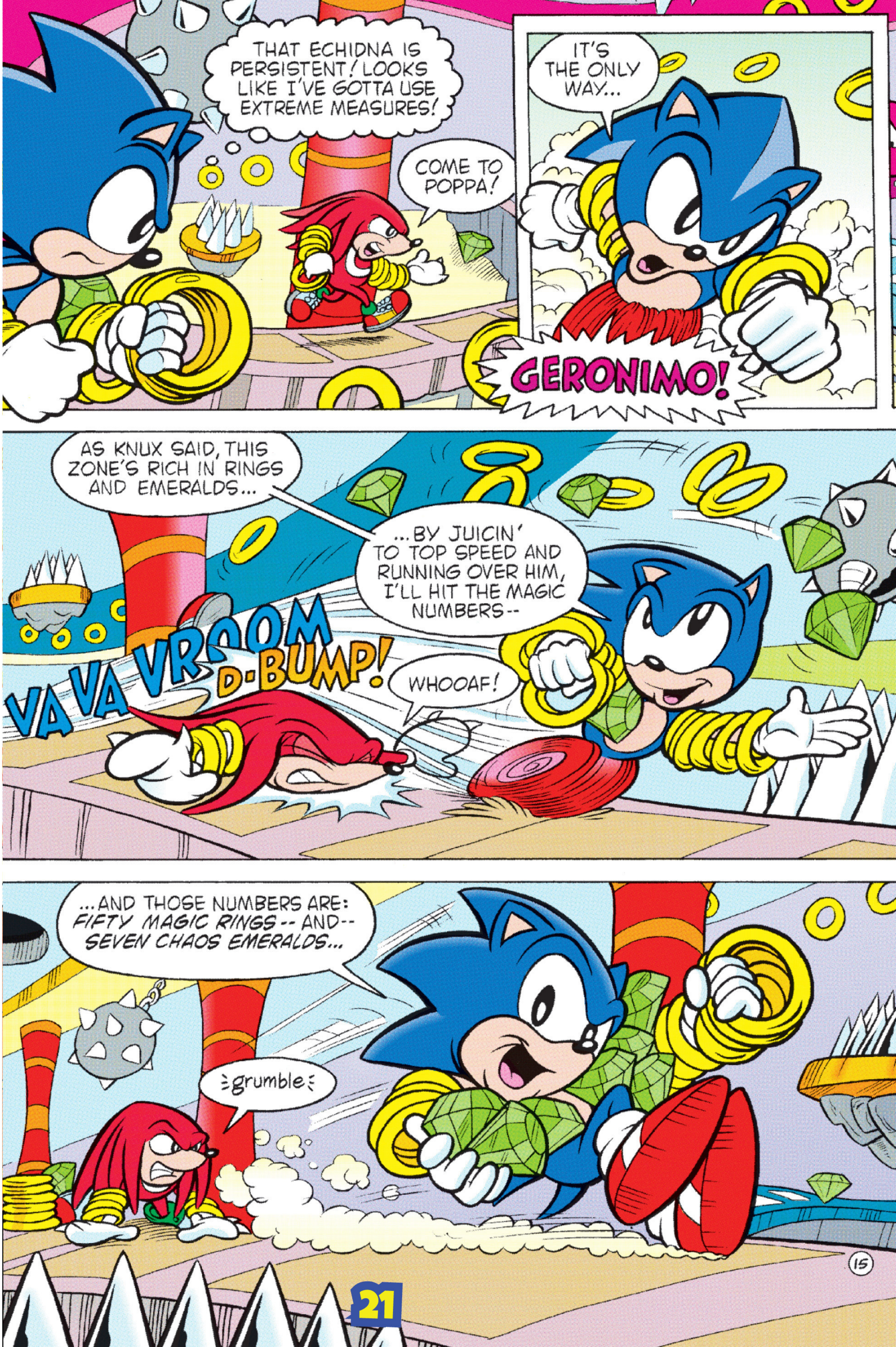
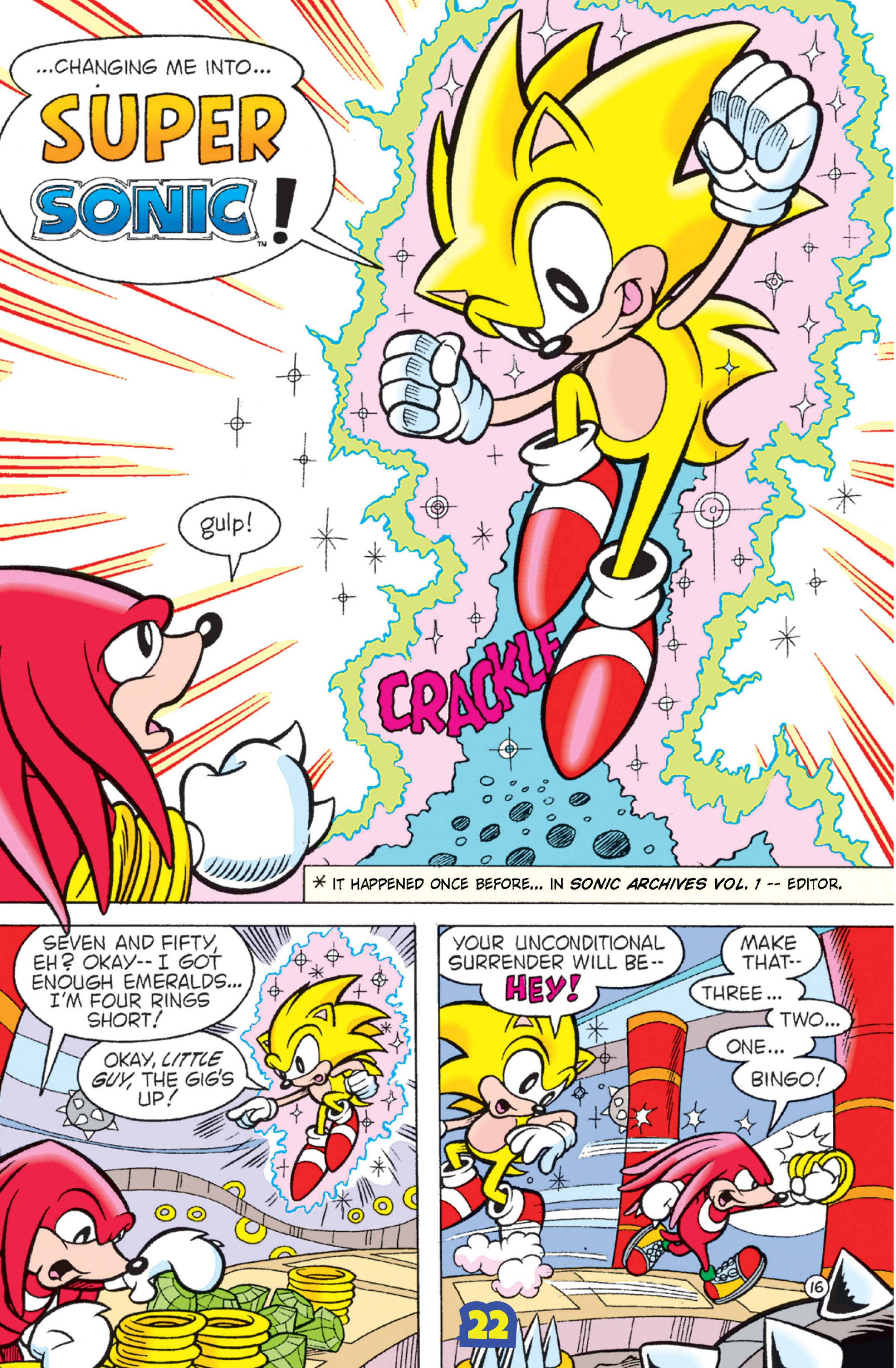

THAT ECHIDNA IS PERSISTENT! LOOKS LIKE I'VE GOTTA USE EXTREME MEASURES!
COME TO POPPA!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY...
GERONIMO!
AS KNUX SAID, THIS ZONE'S RICH IN RINGS AND EMERALDS...
...BY JUICIN' TO TOP SPEED AND RUNNING OVER HIM, I'LL HIT THE MAGIC NUMBERS--
VA VA VROOM
D-BUMP!
WHOOAF!
...AND THOSE NUMBERS ARE: *FIFTY MAGIC RINGS* -- AND-- *SEVEN CHAOS EMERALDS*...
grumble


...CHANGING ME INTO...
SUPER SONIC™!
gulp!
CRACKLE
* IT HAPPENED ONCE BEFORE... IN *SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 1* -- EDITOR.
SEVEN AND FIFTY, EH? OKAY-- I GOT ENOUGH EMERALDS... I'M FOUR RINGS SHORT!
OKAY, *LITTLE GUY*, THE GIG'S UP!
YOUR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER WILL BE-- HEY!
MAKE THAT--
THREE...
TWO...
ONE...
BINGO!
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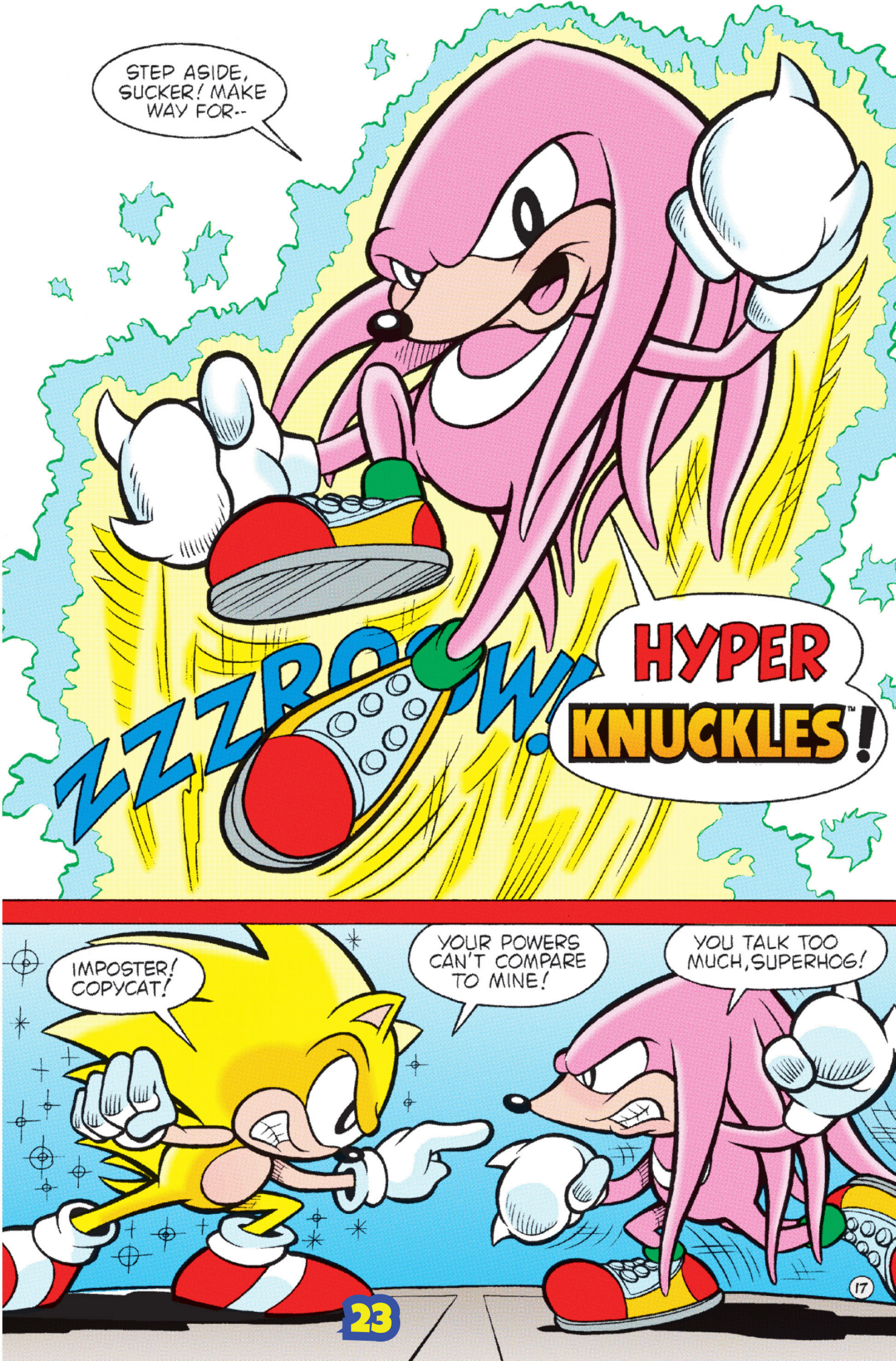
STEP ASIDE, SUCKER! MAKE WAY FOR--
ZZZROOOW!
HYPER KNUCKLES™!
IMPOSTER! COPYCAT!
YOUR POWERS CAN'T COMPARE TO MINE!
YOU TALK TOO MUCH, SUPERHOG!
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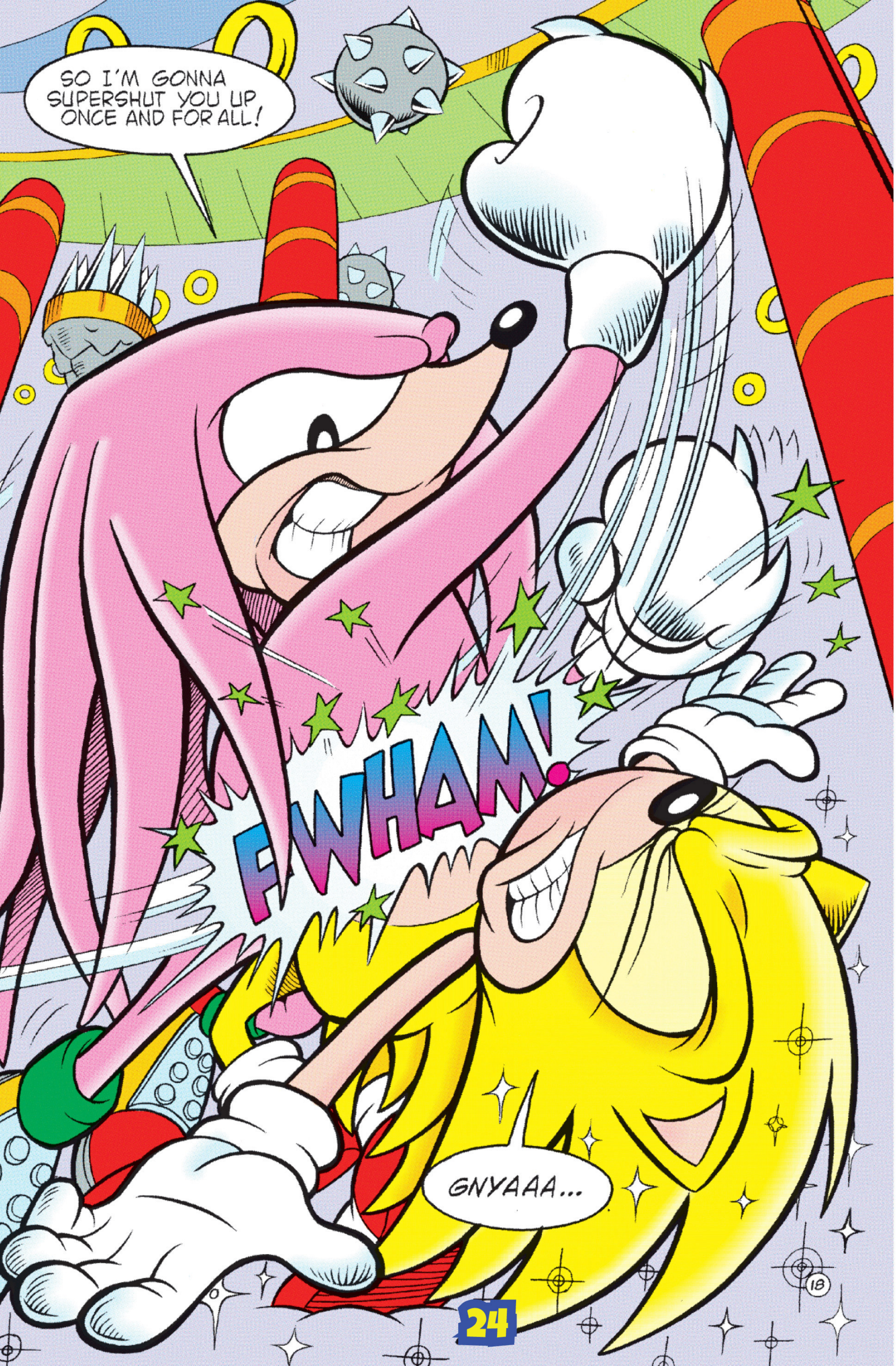
SO I'M GONNA SUPERSHUT YOU UP ONCE AND FOR ALL!
FWHAM!
GNYAAA...
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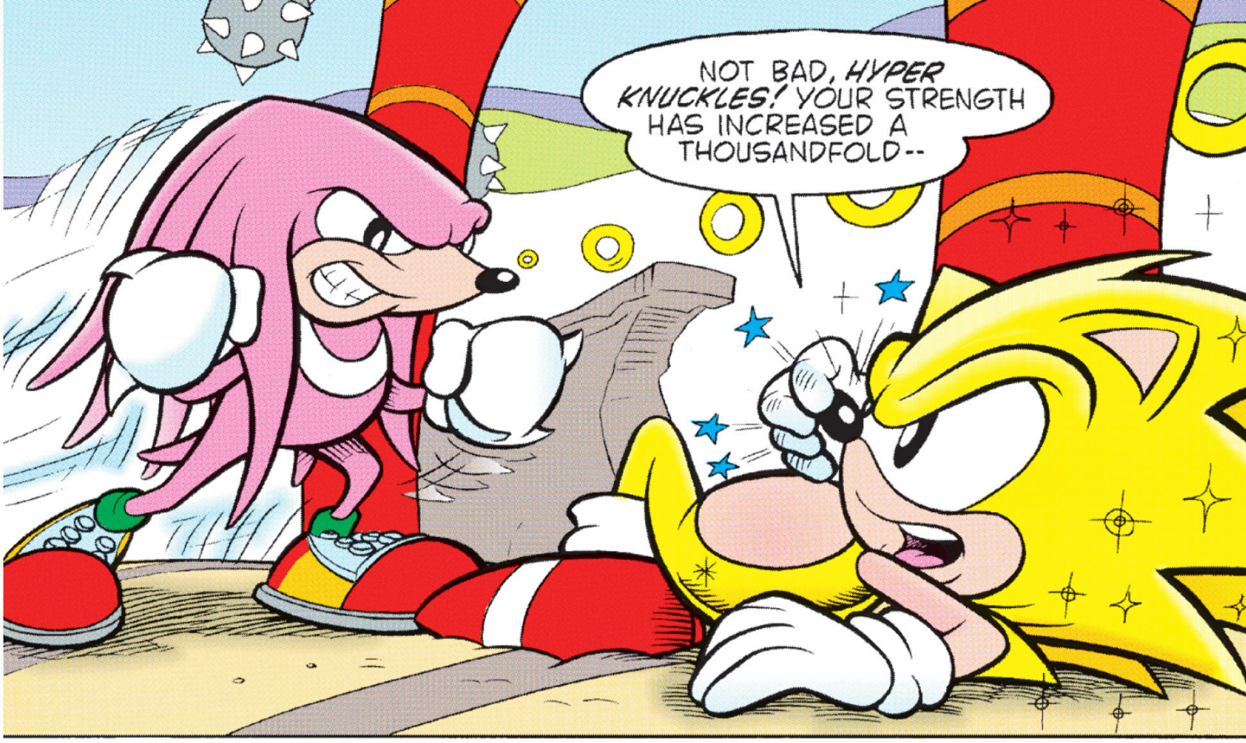
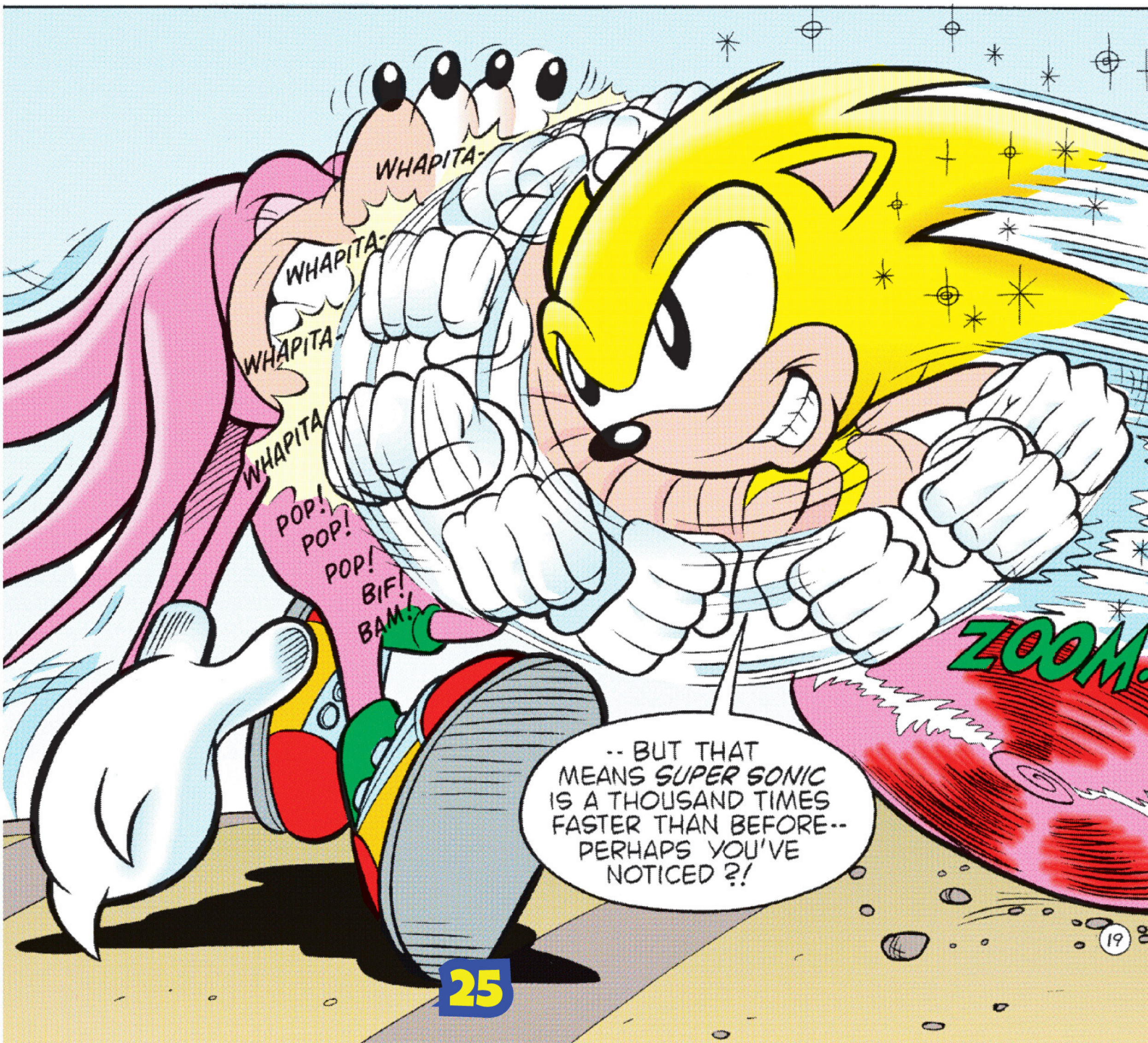

NOT BAD, *HYPER KNUCKLES!* YOUR STRENGTH HAS INCREASED A THOUSANDFOLD--


WHAPITA-
WHAPITA-
WHAPITA-
WHAPITA
POP! POP! POP! BIF! BAM!
ZOOM
-- BUT THAT MEANS *SUPER SONIC* IS A THOUSAND TIMES FASTER THAN BEFORE-- PERHAPS YOU'VE NOTICED ?!
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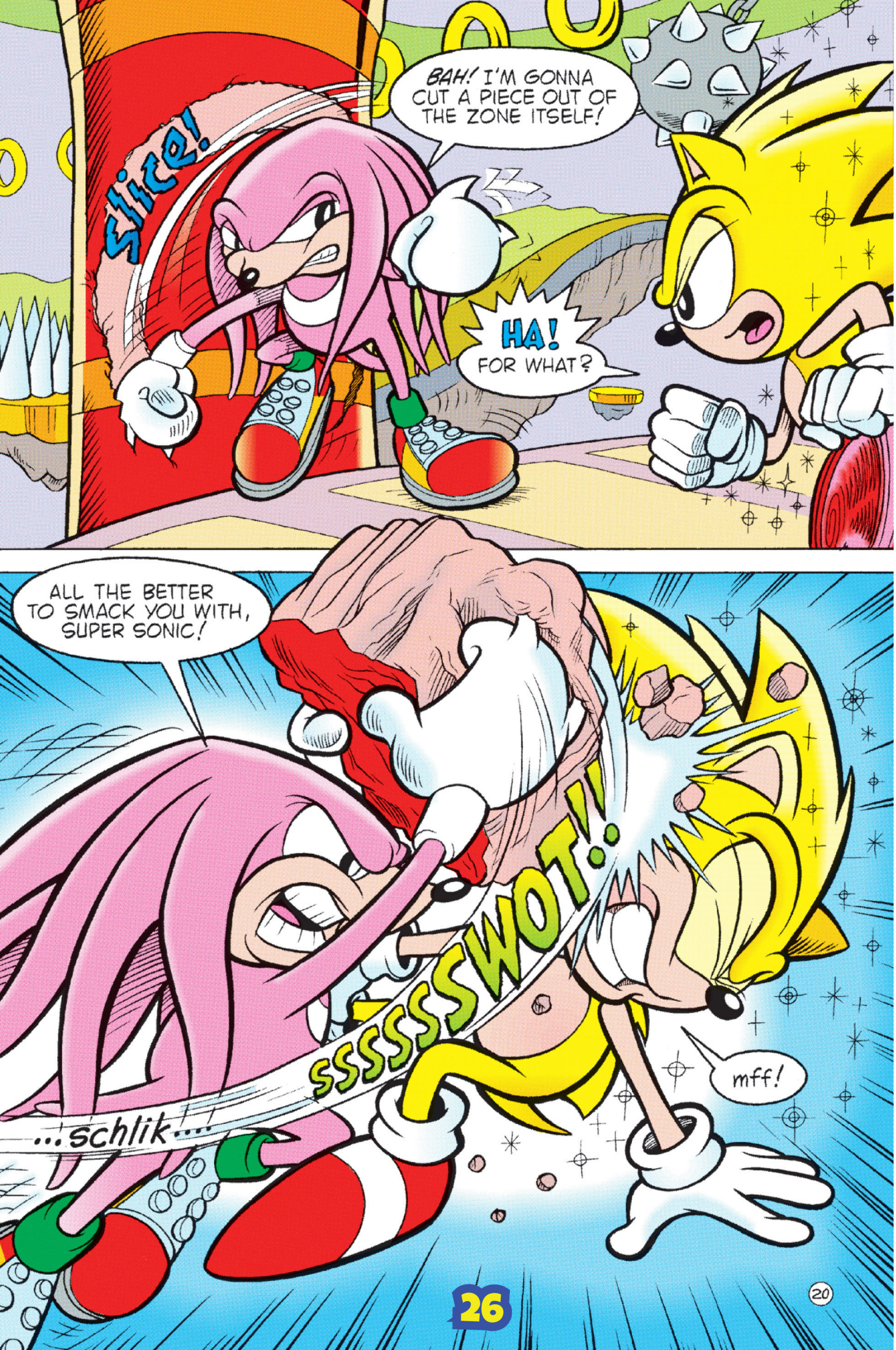
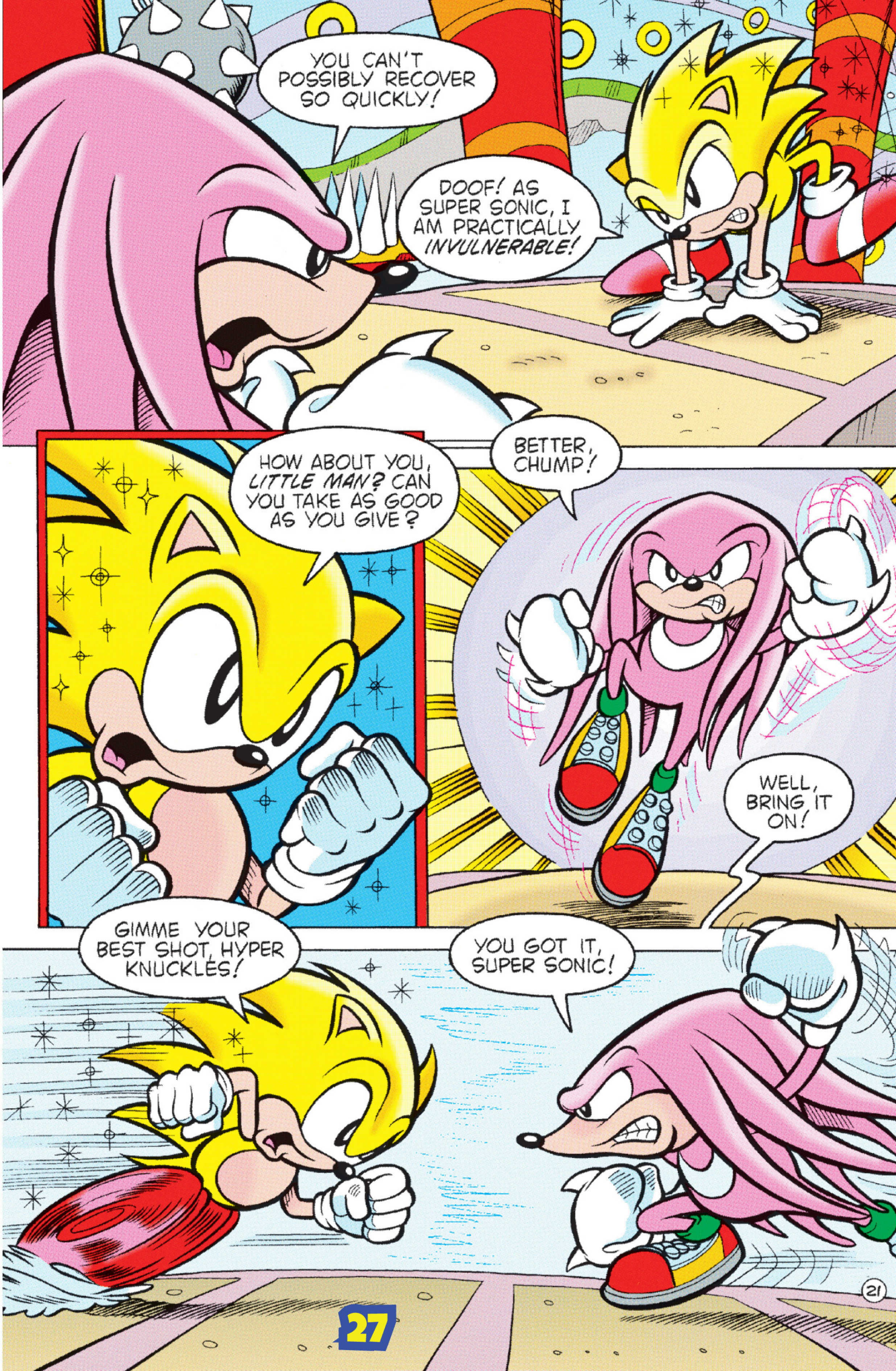

Slice!
BAH! I'M GONNA CUT A PIECE OUT OF THE ZONE ITSELF!
HA! FOR WHAT?
ALL THE BETTER TO SMACK YOU WITH, SUPER SONIC!
SSSSSSWOT!!
...schlik...!
mff!


YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY RECOVER SO QUICKLY!
DOOF! AS SUPER SONIC, I AM PRACTICALLY *INVULNERABLE!*
HOW ABOUT YOU, *LITTLE MAN?* CAN YOU TAKE AS GOOD AS YOU GIVE?
BETTER, CHUMP!
WELL, BRING IT ON!
GIMME YOUR BEST SHOT, HYPER KNUCKLES!
YOU GOT IT, SUPER SONIC!
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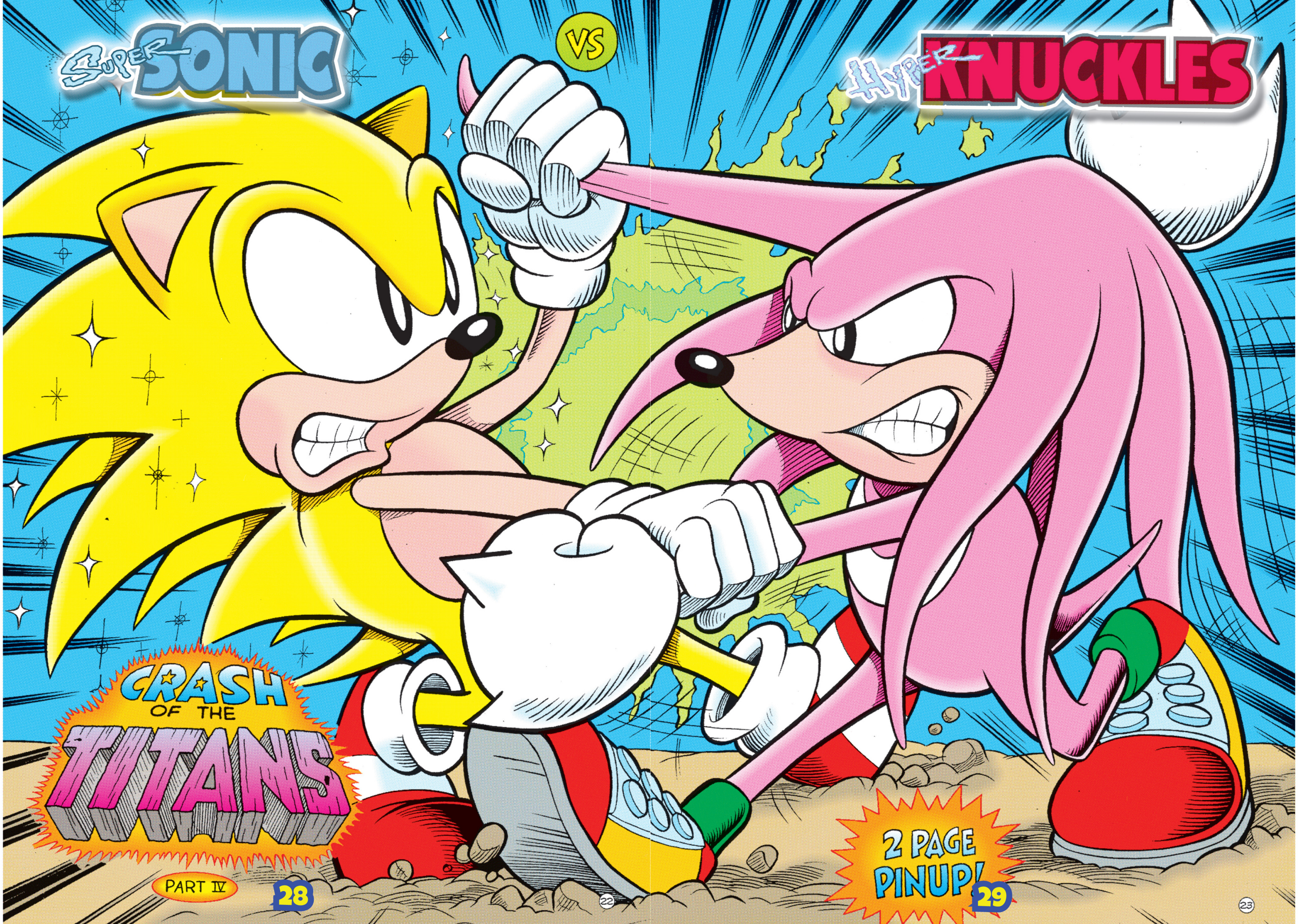
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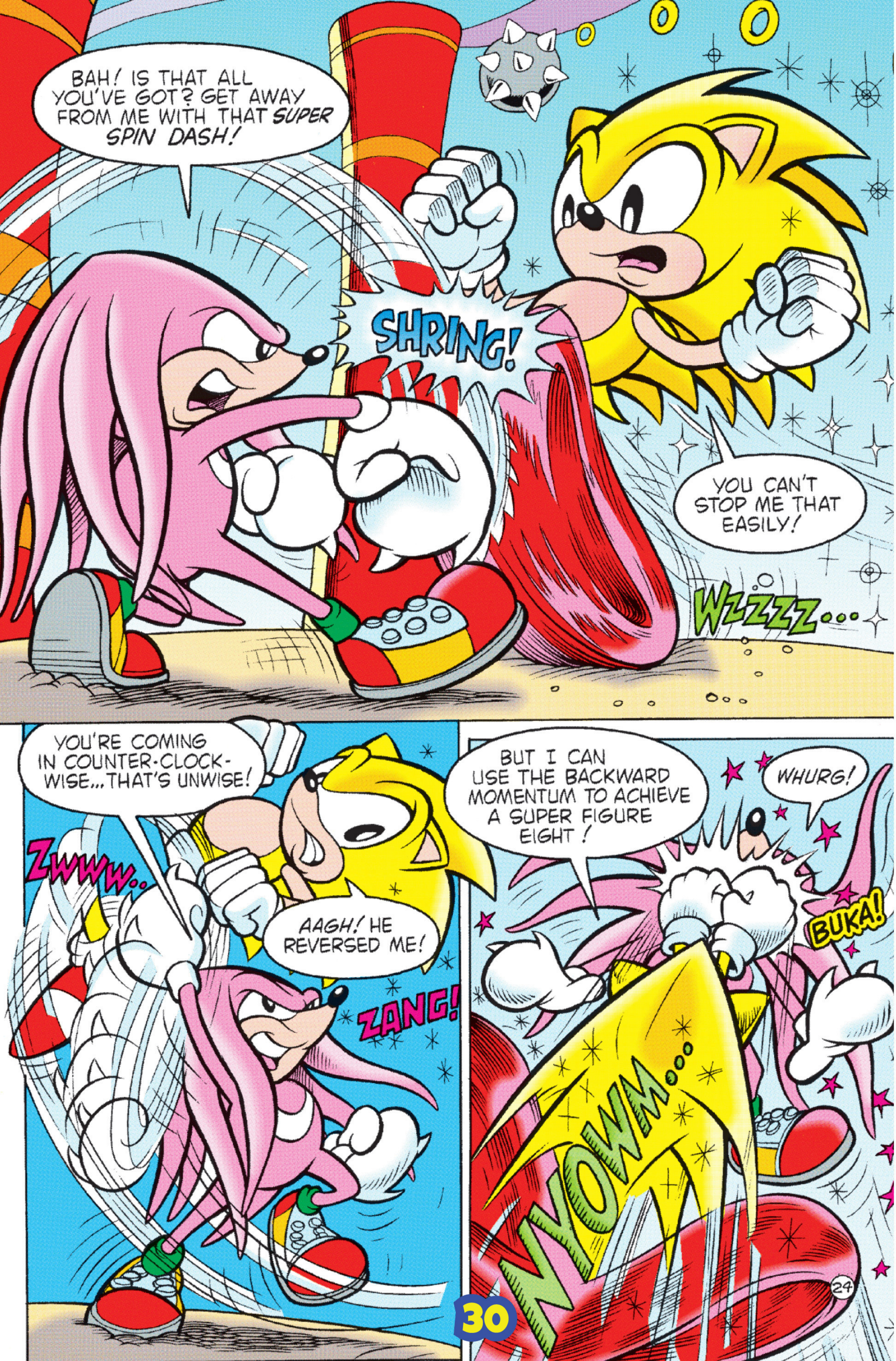
BAH! IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT? GET AWAY FROM ME WITH THAT *SUPER SPIN DASH!*
SHRING!
YOU CAN'T STOP ME THAT EASILY!
WZZZZ...
YOU'RE COMING IN COUNTER-CLOCKWISE...THAT'S UNWISE!
ZWWW..
AAGH! HE REVERSED ME!
ZANG!
BUT I CAN USE THE BACKWARD MOMENTUM TO ACHIEVE A SUPER FIGURE EIGHT!
WHURG!
BUKA!
NYOWM...
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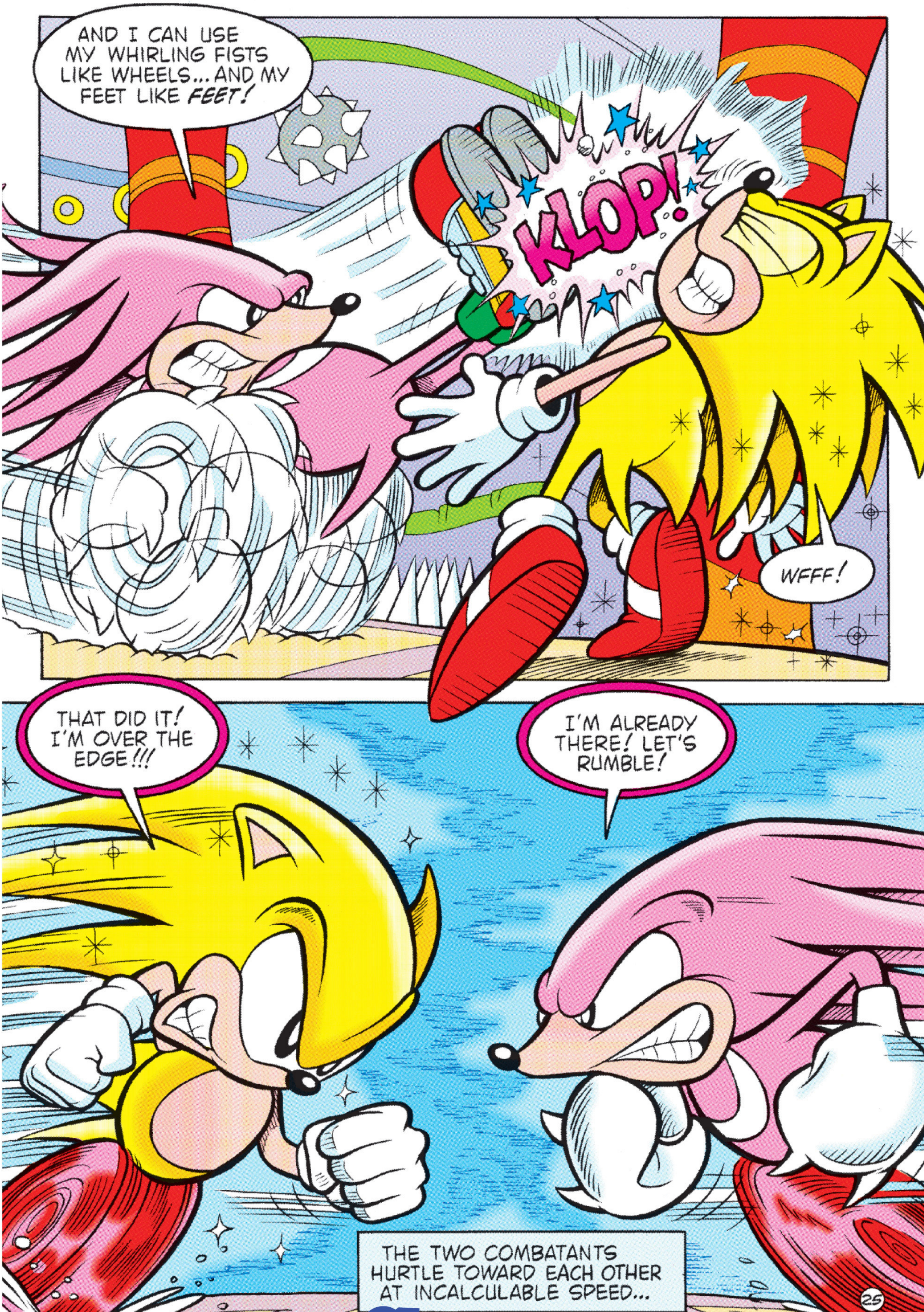
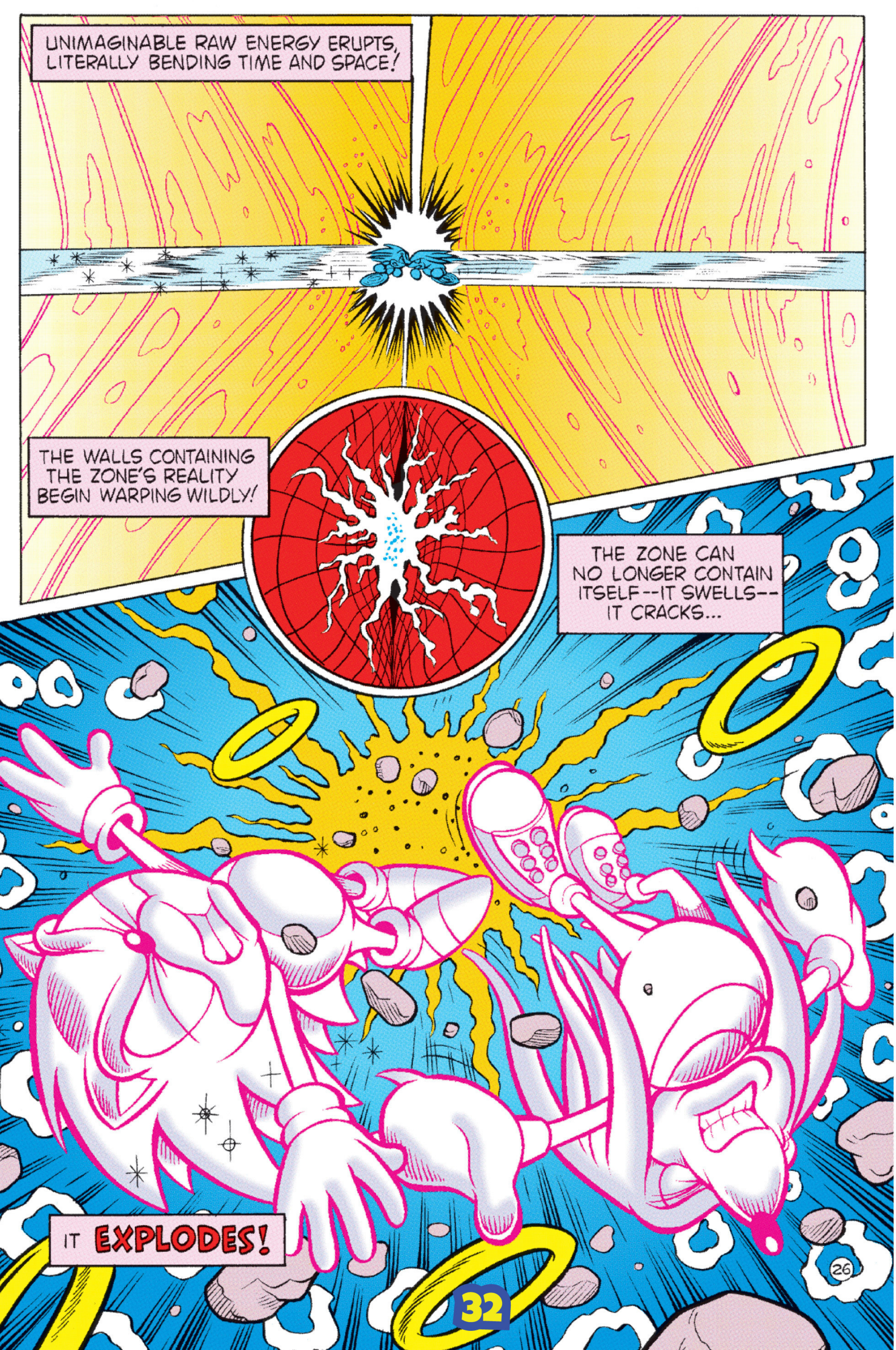

AND I CAN USE MY WHIRLING FISTS LIKE WHEELS... AND MY FEET LIKE *FEET!*
KLOP!
WFFF!
THAT DID IT! I'M OVER THE EDGE!!!
I'M ALREADY THERE! LET'S RUMBLE!
THE TWO COMBATANTS HURTLE TOWARD EACH OTHER AT INCALCULABLE SPEED...


UNIMAGINABLE RAW ENERGY ERUPTS, LITERALLY BENDING TIME AND SPACE!
THE WALLS CONTAINING THE ZONE'S REALITY BEGIN WARPING WILDLY!
THE ZONE CAN NO LONGER CONTAIN ITSELF--IT SWELLS--IT CRACKS...
IT EXPLODES!
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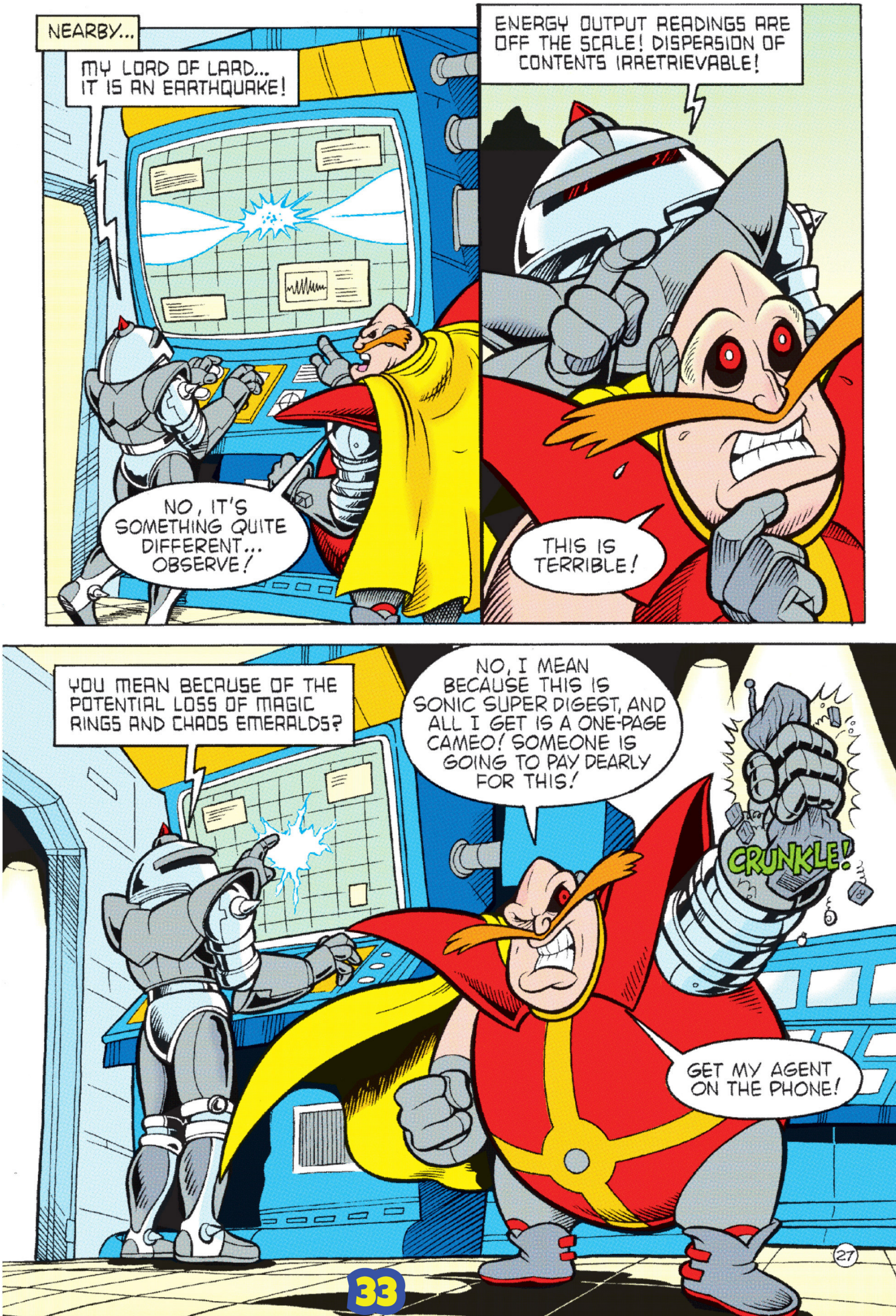
NEARBY...
MY LORD OF LARD... IT IS AN EARTHQUAKE!
NO, IT'S SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT... OBSERVE!
ENERGY OUTPUT READINGS ARE OFF THE SCALE! DISPERSION OF CONTENTS IRRETRIEVABLE!
THIS IS TERRIBLE!
YOU MEAN BECAUSE OF THE POTENTIAL LOSS OF MAGIC RINGS AND CHAOS EMERALDS?
NO, I MEAN BECAUSE THIS IS SONIC SUPER DIGEST, AND ALL I GET IS A ONE-PAGE CAMEO! SOMEONE IS GOING TO PAY DEARLY FOR THIS!
CRUNKLE!
GET MY AGENT ON THE PHONE!
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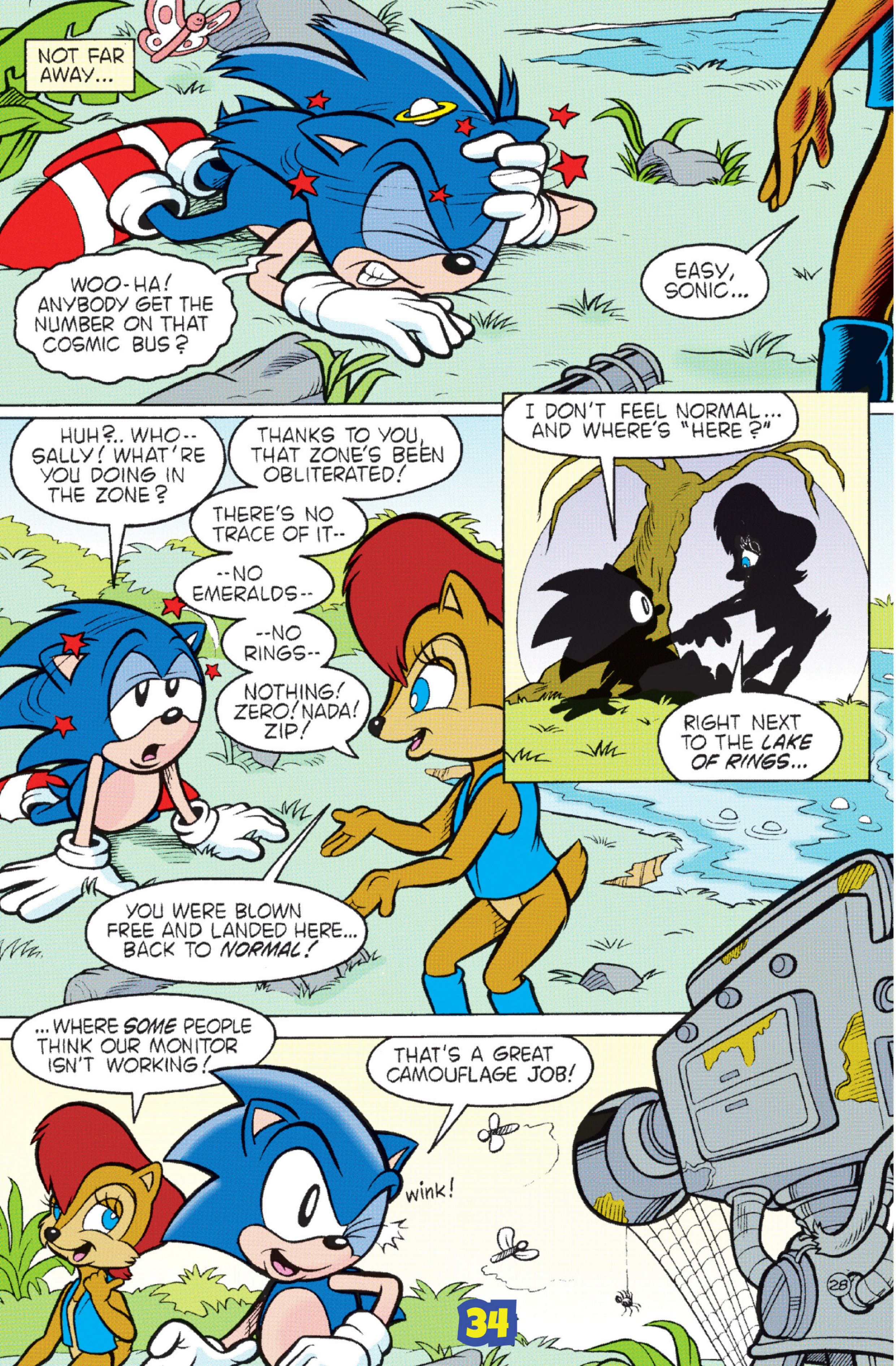
NOT FAR AWAY...
WOO-HA! ANYBODY GET THE NUMBER ON THAT COSMIC BUS?
EASY, SONIC...
HUH?.. WHO-- SALLY! WHAT'RE YOU DOING IN THE ZONE?
THANKS TO YOU, THAT ZONE'S BEEN OBLITERATED!
THERE'S NO TRACE OF IT--
--NO EMERALDS--
--NO RINGS--
NOTHING! ZERO! NADA! ZIP!
YOU WERE BLOWN FREE AND LANDED HERE... BACK TO *NORMAL!*
I DON'T FEEL NORMAL... AND WHERE'S "HERE?"
RIGHT NEXT TO THE *LAKE OF RINGS*...
...WHERE *SOME* PEOPLE THINK OUR MONITOR ISN'T WORKING!
THAT'S A GREAT CAMOUFLAGE JOB!
wink!
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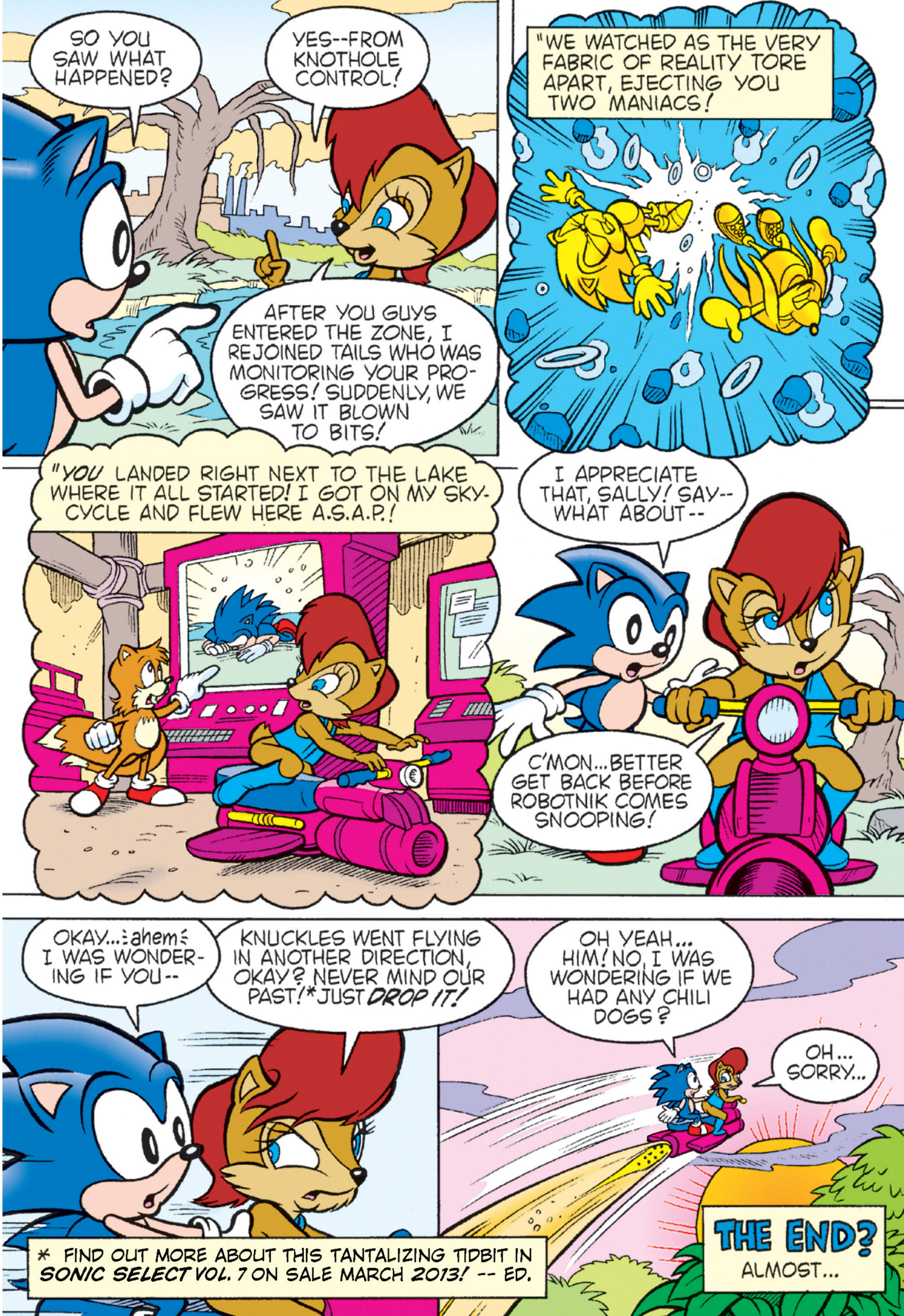
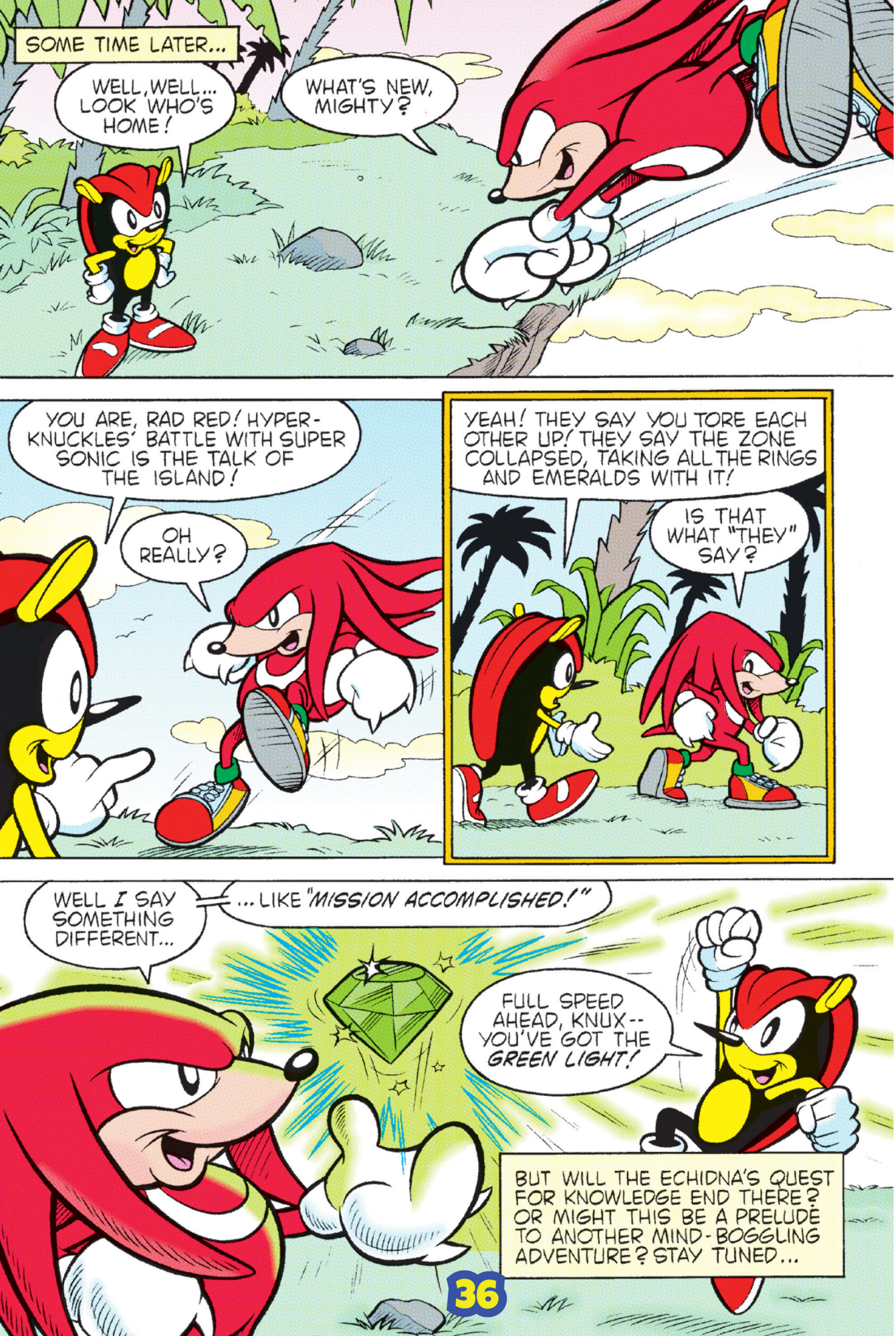

SO YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED?
YES--FROM KNOTHOLE CONTROL!
AFTER YOU GUYS ENTERED THE ZONE, I REJOINED TAILS WHO WAS MONITORING YOUR PROGRESS! SUDDENLY, WE SAW IT BLOWN TO BITS!
"WE WATCHED AS THE VERY FABRIC OF REALITY TORE APART, EJECTING YOU TWO MANIACS!
"*YOU* LANDED RIGHT NEXT TO THE LAKE WHERE IT ALL STARTED! I GOT ON MY SKY-CYCLE AND FLEW HERE A.S.A.P.!
I APPRECIATE THAT, SALLY! SAY--WHAT ABOUT--
C'MON...BETTER GET BACK BEFORE ROBOTNIK COMES SNOOPING!
OKAY...ahem I WAS WONDERING IF YOU--
KNUCKLES WENT FLYING IN ANOTHER DIRECTION, OKAY? NEVER MIND OUR PAST!* JUST *DROP IT!*
OH YEAH... HIM! NO, I WAS WONDERING IF WE HAD ANY CHILI DOGS?
OH... SORRY...
* FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS TANTALIZING TIDBIT IN *SONIC SELECT VOL. 7* ON SALE MARCH 2013! -- ED.
THE END?
ALMOST...


SOME TIME LATER...
WELL, WELL... LOOK WHO'S HOME!
WHAT'S NEW, MIGHTY?
YOU ARE, RAD RED! HYPER-KNUCKLES' BATTLE WITH SUPER SONIC IS THE TALK OF THE ISLAND!
OH REALLY?
YEAH! THEY SAY YOU TORE EACH OTHER UP! THEY SAY THE ZONE COLLAPSED, TAKING ALL THE RINGS AND EMERALDS WITH IT!
IS THAT WHAT "THEY" SAY?
WELL *I* SAY SOMETHING DIFFERENT...
...LIKE "*MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!*"
FULL SPEED AHEAD, KNUX-- YOU'VE GOT THE *GREEN LIGHT!*
BUT WILL THE ECHIDNA'S QUEST FOR KNOWLEDGE END THERE? OR MIGHT THIS BE A PRELUDE TO ANOTHER MIND-BOGGLING ADVENTURE? STAY TUNED...

MEET KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

The Rad Red Guardian!

Knuckles is a gruff and brash hero. He is the **Guardian** of **Angel Island**, interim leader of the **Chaotix**, protector of the **Master Emerald**, and the last remaining Echidna.

Despite being tricked by **Doctor Robotnik** into fighting **Sonic the Hedgehog** and **Tails the Fox**, Knuckles would ultimately choose to help his friends as an ally in the **First Robotnik War**. As his skills grew and he became more exposed to the world at large, Knuckles would slowly come out of the shell that he'd been wrapped in for so many years.

Knuckles' greatest archenemy is **Dr. Finitevus**, an albino echidna who used Knuckles' gullibility in an insidious plot to wipe out all life on the planet. In the ensuing chaos, Sonic helped to defeat the villain and save Knuckles but not without consequence to the echidna's very nature. His current whereabouts are unknown.

Knuckles' archrival is **Thrash the Tasmanian Devil**. Using warp rings supercharged by the Master Emerald, Thrash wiped out all remaining echidnas on the planet, leaving Knuckles as the sole heir to the flawed legacy of his people.

After everything that's happened to him, Knuckles is somewhat withdrawn from everyone except Sonic, Tails, Amy, and the Chaotix, his only friends. He still remains devoted to his duties as Guardian.

PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Sonic the Hedgehog #13

Abilities:

Super Strength – Knuckles is far more powerful than average. Unlike Sonic, he doesn't chuckle!

Gliding/Flight – By fanning out his dreadlocks, Knuckles can glide incredibly long distances.

Super Strength – Knuckles' hand spikes grant extra power to his punches allowing him to climb or dig through many hard surfaces.

Chaos Control – Knuckles uses chaos control to heal wounds or give himself a physical boost. He uses this power by channeling pure energy from the Master Emerald.

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PROFESSOR PICKLE'S NATURE NOTEBOOK

SANDWICHES EVERYWHERE...

Welcome to Sonic's universe -- a world beyond what you know from the SEGA games; where **Professor Dillon Pickle** is the world's authority on practically everything! Hailing from the Universities of Shamar and Spagonia, he and his dour assistant **Cucumber** travel the world in search of "the perfect sandwich" -- bringing wisdom, tales of adventure and plenty of mustard to anyone willing (or silly enough) to listen!

Today's Lecture: THE ECHIDNA!

Nature's Moody Monotreme!

Cucumber: What is that chart you're updating, sir**?**

Pickle: It's a list of endangered species and I am adding onto it: the echidna!

Cucumber: Sir, echidnas are only endangered in ***our*** world. In other worlds, like those of our student readers, they're doing just fine**!**

Pickle: Well that's a relief! I was afraid I'd have to break the news to our friend on the right! He has a terrible temper you know ... looks a bit surly and weather-beaten too.

Knuckles: I am NOT weather-beaten...

Cucumber: *And here we go ...* Hello, Sonic fans! Today we're going to discuss the echidna: rival animal to the hedgehog!

Pickle: Gullible chap, too. *Heh ...* I told him I was the guardian of the "Master Sandwich" and when I get seven chaos condiments I turn into "Uber Pickle" and glow the color of mustard!

Cucumber: You're a weird guy, Professor Pickle.

Pickle: I've got to be me! So, Cucumber -- let's see if you're up on your studies! What can you tell us about echidnas?

Cucumber: Well, they're monotremes -- that means they're part of a group of mammals capable of laying eggs. Only a select few mammals can even do that!

Pickle: You know, I once had an absolutely ***awful*** dream about Draculas fighting holographic mole men. Then an eight-legged habadasher hatched out of a giant spider egg.

Cucumber: That ... what was ... ***WHAT?!?***

Pickle: Habadashers, Cucumber ... *They're everywhere ...*

Cucumber: **blink** Anyway, speaking of monsters, "Echidna" was also the name of the mother of all monsters" in Greek mythology. Those tales described her as being horrible and not past eating people whole!

Knuckles: ...

Pickle: Try it and I'll hit you with a hammer.

Knuckles: YOU NUT! I GUARD THE MASTER EMERALD! I'VE NEVER EATEN ANYBODY WHOLE IN MY ENTIRE *buuurrrrp*!

Pickle: ... WRAP IT UP, CUCUMBER! WE'VE GOT A LIVE ONE!

Cucumber: *sigh* Echidnas are small solitary creatures who are covered in coarse hair and spines, much like hedgehogs --

Sonic: Copycat!

Knuckles: GO AWAY!!!

Cucumber: Echidnas are powerful diggers. They have tiny mouths, toothless jaws, and feed by tearing open soft logs and anthills! They use their long, sticky tongues to collect food -- usually ants, termites, worms, insect larvae... ***Professor, why are Sonic and Knuckles beating each other silly?***

Pickle: ... Who cares?! Let's get out of here before the red one eats everybody!

Cucumber: UGH! Forget it! See you next time, kids!

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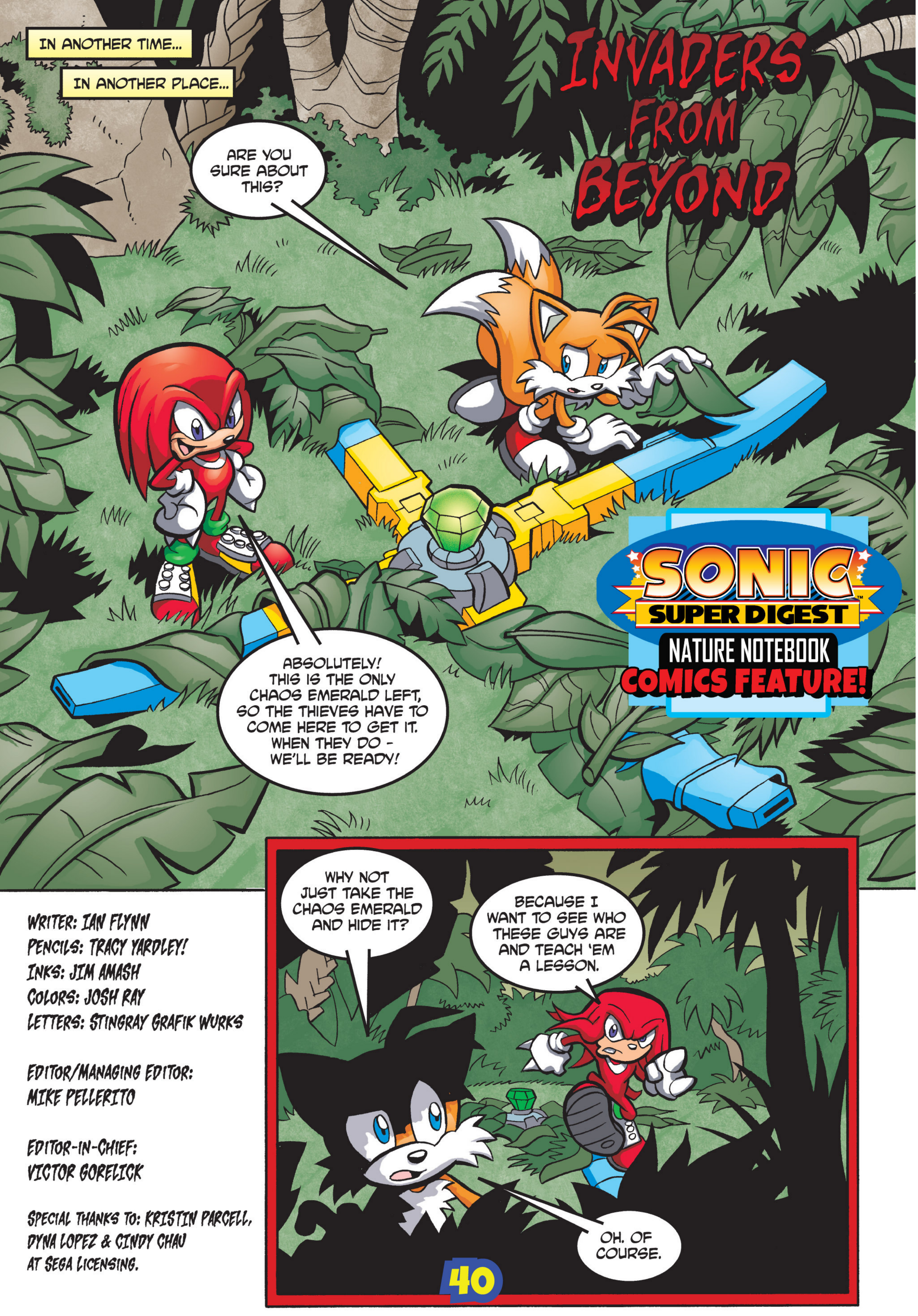
IN ANOTHER TIME...
IN ANOTHER PLACE...
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
ABSOLUTELY! THIS IS THE ONLY CHAOS EMERALD LEFT, SO THE THIEVES HAVE TO COME HERE TO GET IT. WHEN THEY DO - WE'LL BE READY!
SONIC SUPER DIGEST
NATURE NOTEBOOK
COMICS FEATURE!
WHY NOT JUST TAKE THE CHAOS EMERALD AND HIDE IT?
BECAUSE I WANT TO SEE WHO THESE GUYS ARE AND TEACH 'EM A LESSON.
OH. OF COURSE.

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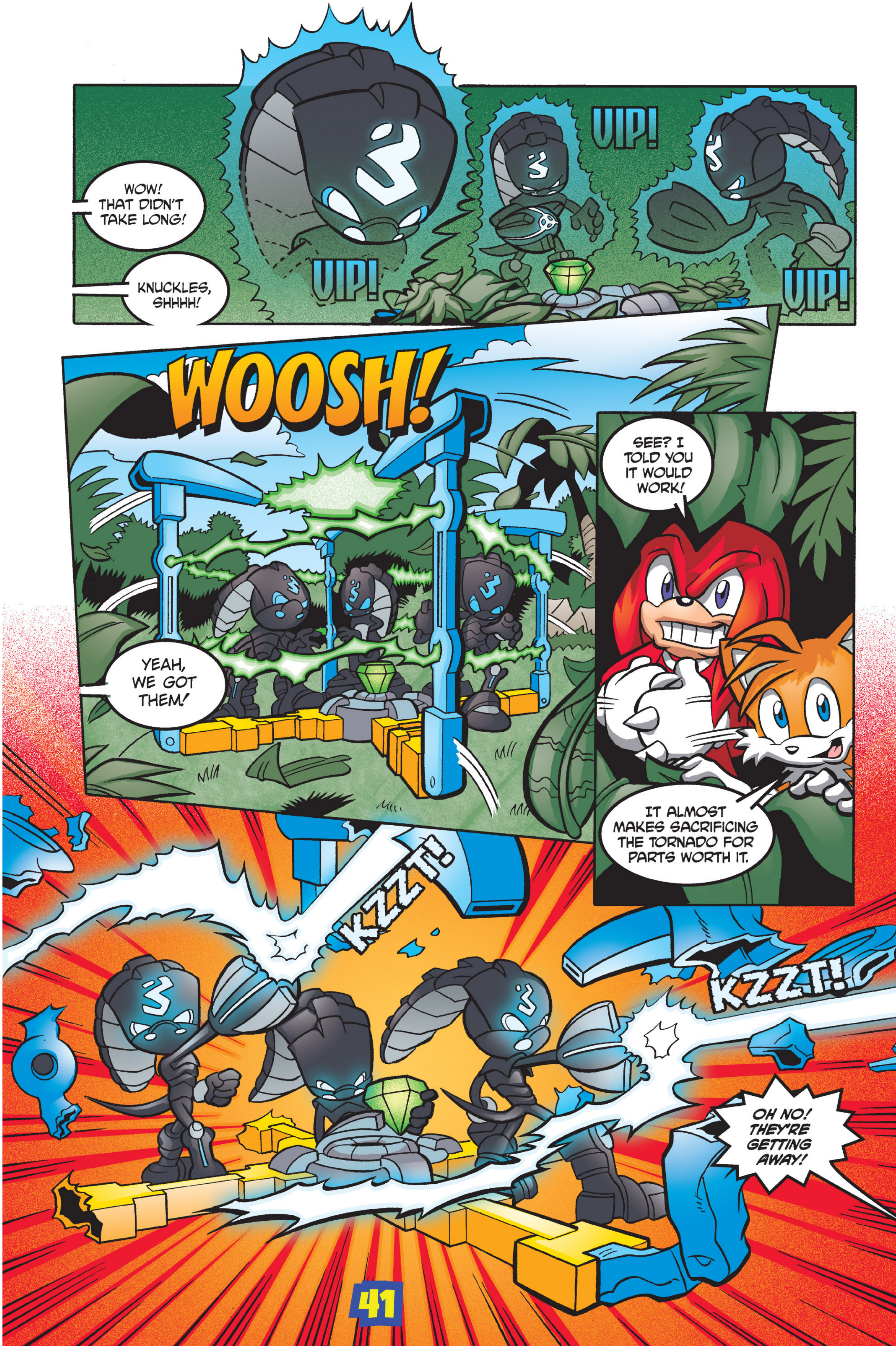
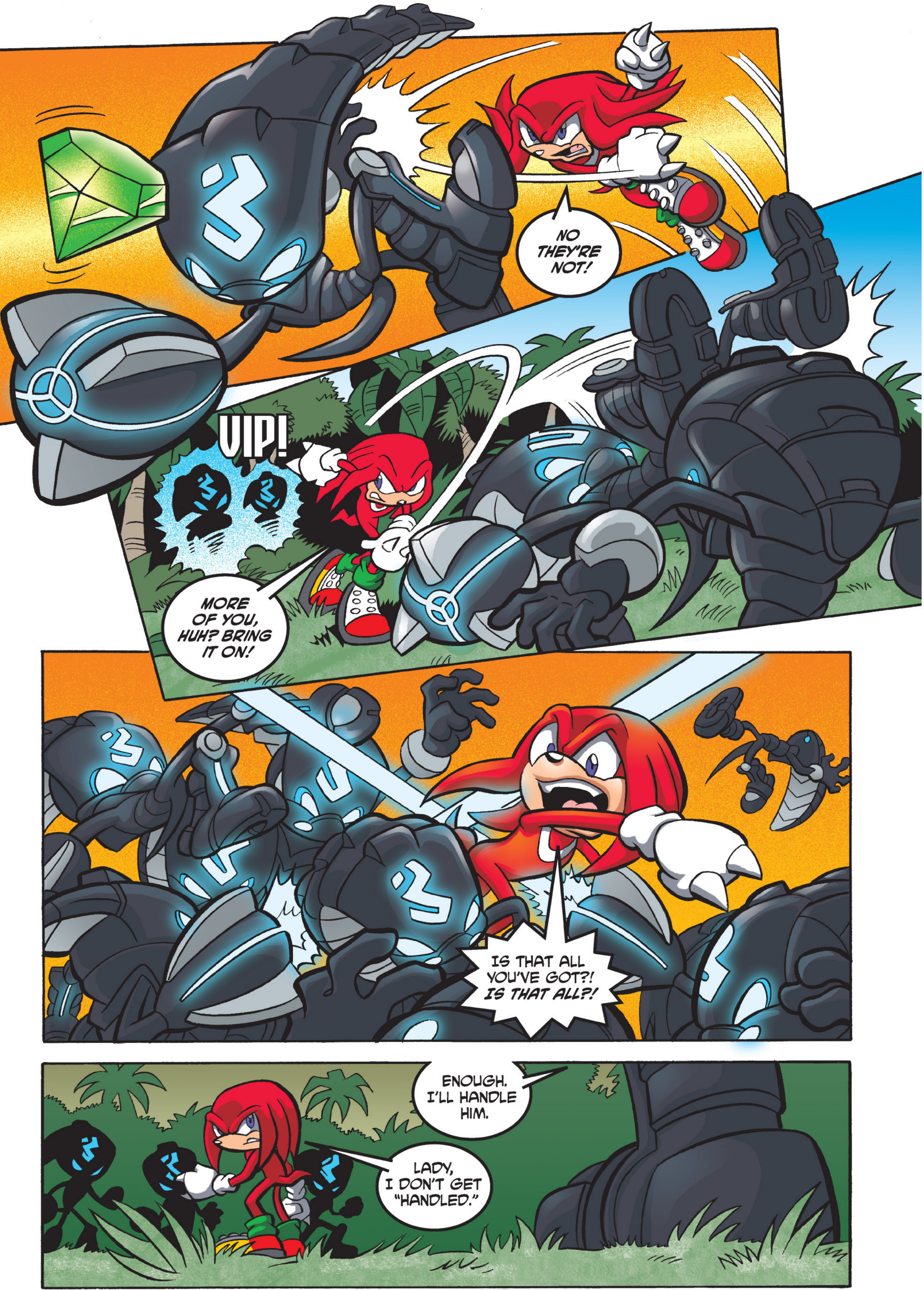
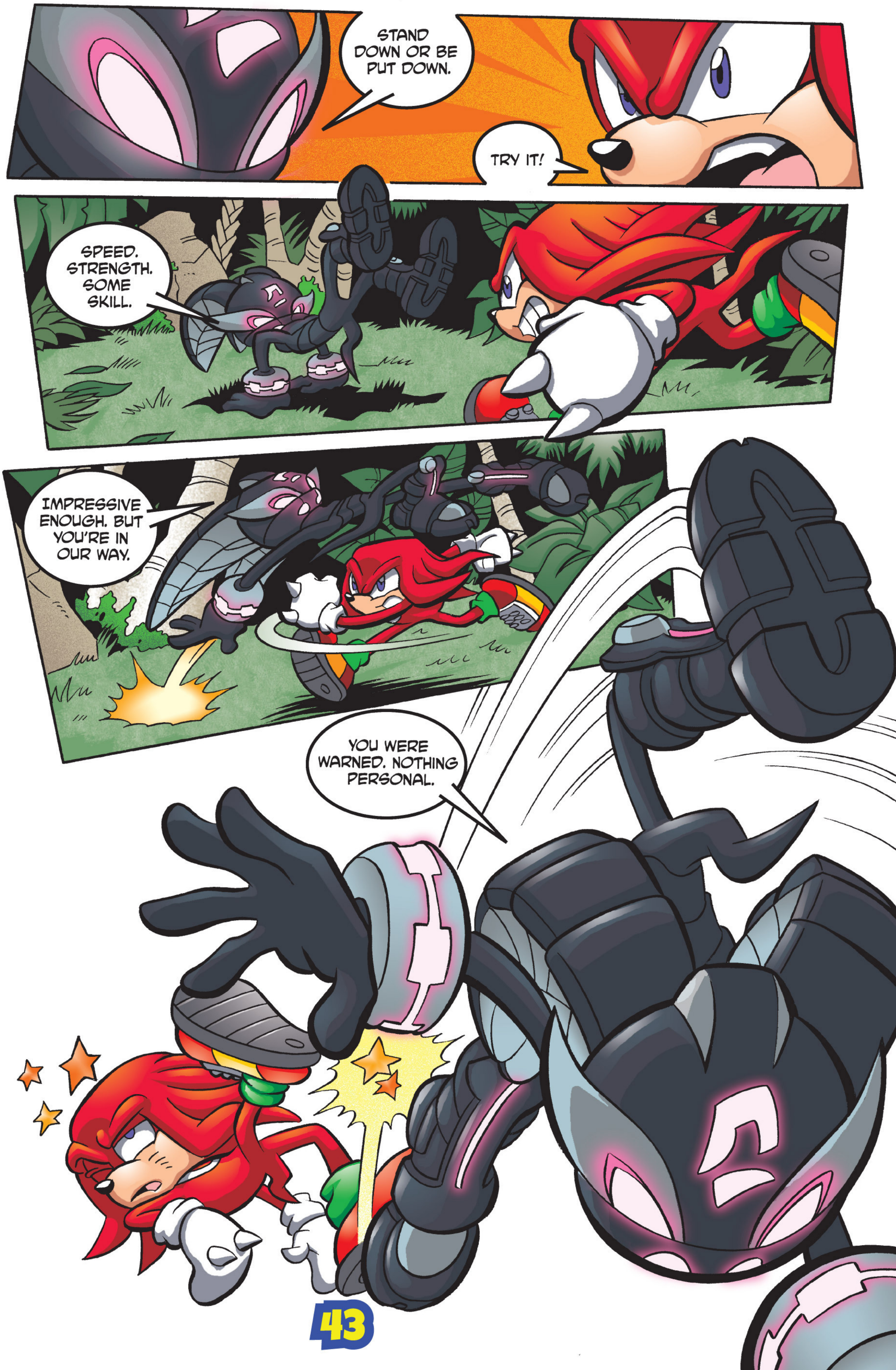
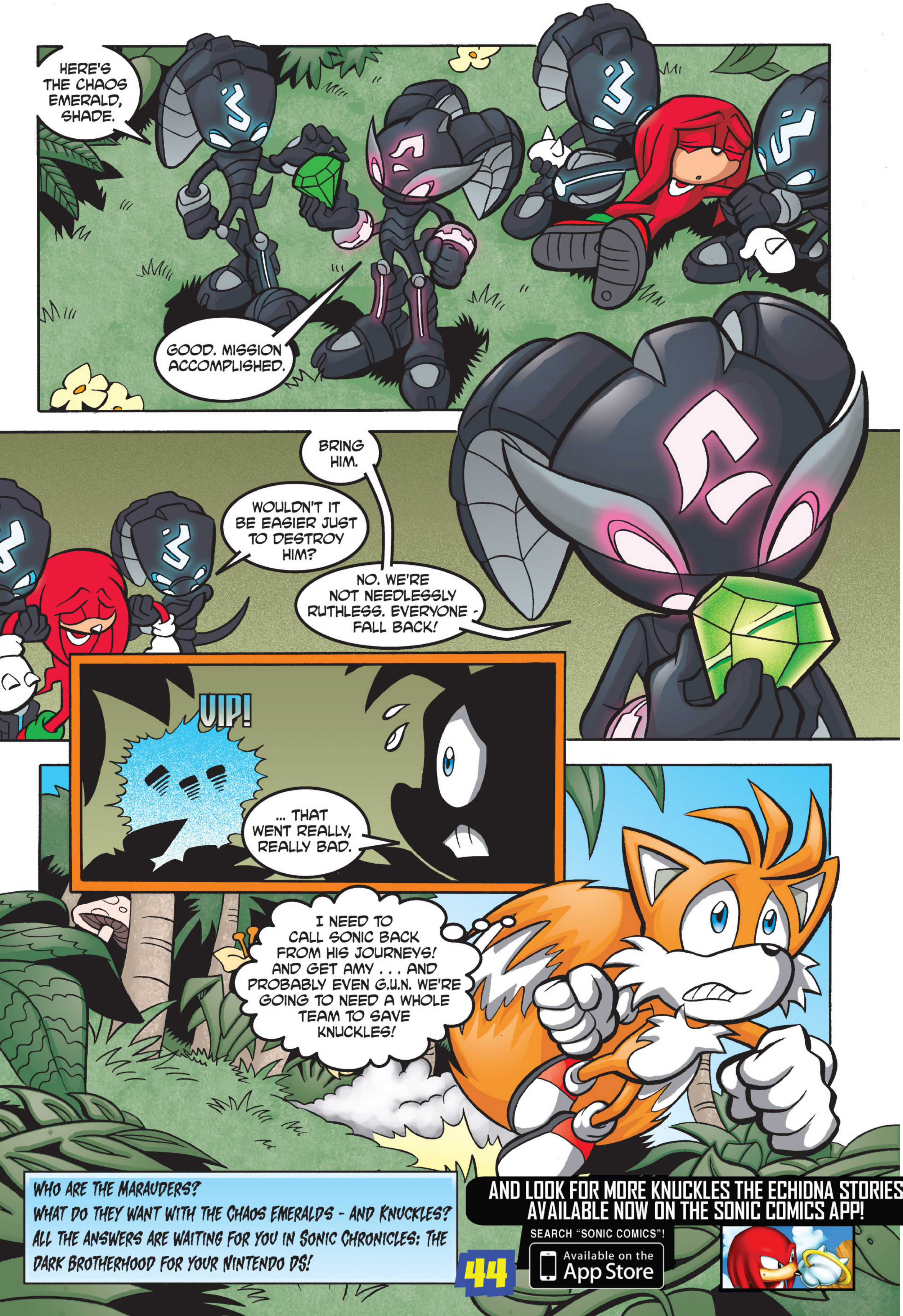

WOW! THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG!
KNUCKLES, SHHHH!
VIP!
VIP!
VIP!
WOOSH!
YEAH, WE GOT THEM!
SEE? I TOLD YOU IT WOULD WORK!
IT ALMOST MAKES SACRIFICING THE TORNADO FOR PARTS WORTH IT.
KZZT!
KZZT!
OH NO! THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!


NO THEY'RE NOT!
VIP!
MORE OF YOU, HUH? BRING IT ON!
IS THAT ALL YOU'VE GOT?! IS THAT ALL?!
ENOUGH. I'LL HANDLE HIM.
LADY, I DON'T GET "HANDLED."


STAND DOWN OR BE PUT DOWN.
TRY IT!
SPEED. STRENGTH. SOME SKILL.
IMPRESSIVE ENOUGH. BUT YOU'RE IN OUR WAY.
YOU WERE WARNED. NOTHING PERSONAL.


HERE'S THE CHAOS EMERALD, SHADE.
GOOD. MISSION ACCOMPLISHED.
BRING HIM.
WOULDN'T IT BE EASIER JUST TO DESTROY HIM?
NO. WE'RE NOT NEEDLESSLY RUTHLESS. EVERYONE - FALL BACK!
VIP!
... THAT WENT REALLY, REALLY BAD.
I NEED TO CALL SONIC BACK FROM HIS JOURNEYS! AND GET AMY . . . AND PROBABLY EVEN G.U.N. WE'RE GOING TO NEED A WHOLE TEAM TO SAVE KNUCKLES!
WHO ARE THE MARAUDERS?
WHAT DO THEY WANT WITH THE CHAOS EMERALDS - AND KNUCKLES?
ALL THE ANSWERS ARE WAITING FOR YOU IN SONIC CHRONICLES: THE DARK BROTHERHOOD FOR YOUR NINTENDO DS!

AND LOOK FOR MORE KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA STORIES AVAILABLE NOW ON THE SONIC COMICS APP!
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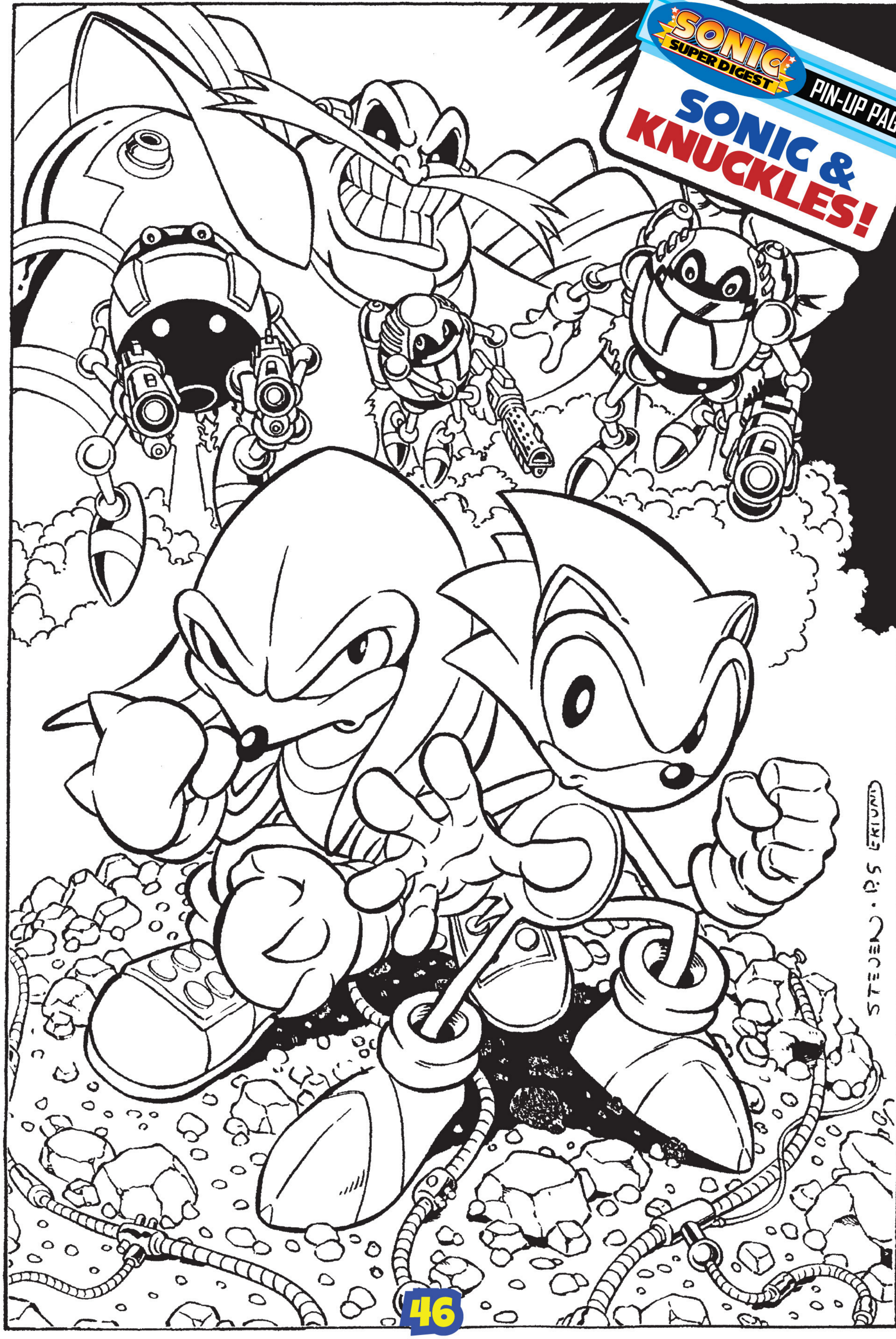
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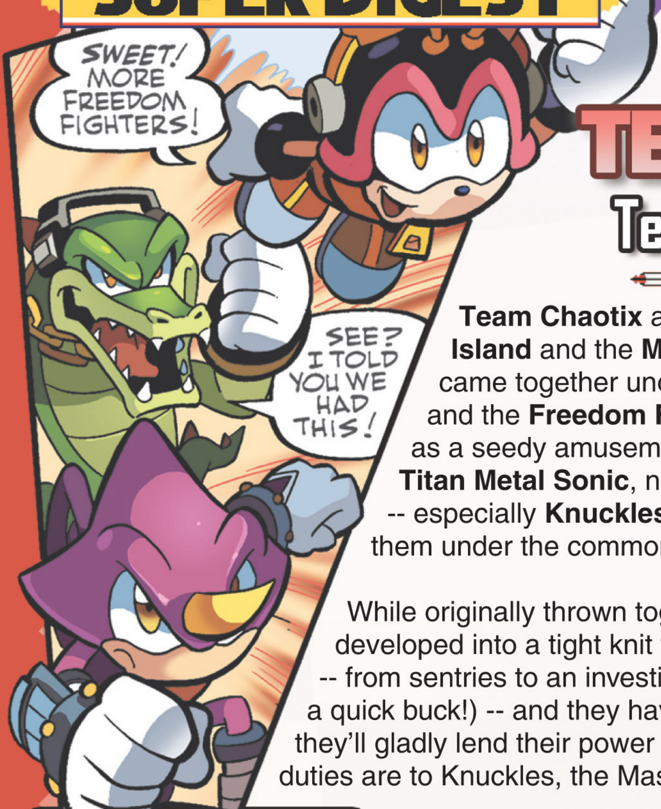
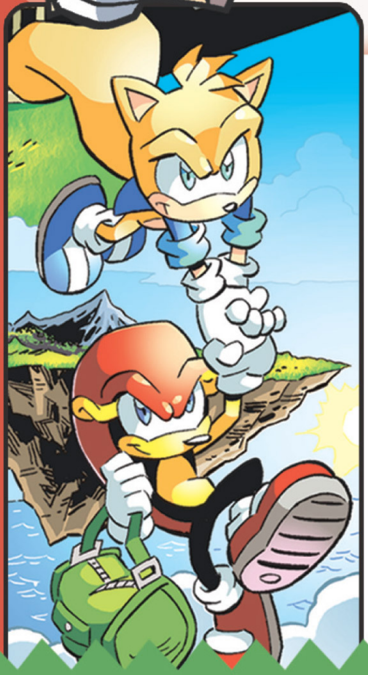

SWEET! MORE FREEDOM FIGHTERS!
SEE? I TOLD YOU WE HAD THIS!

MEET TEAM CHAOTIX

Team Detective Buddies!

Team Chaotix are a group of friends who help protect **Angel Island** and the **Master Emerald** from evil. The team first came together unofficially to rescue **Sonic the Hedgehog** and the **Freedom Fighters** from a **Dr. Robotnik** trap disguised as a seedy amusement park. After defeating **Metal Sonic** and **Titan Metal Sonic**, none of them wanted to commit to a team -- especially **Knuckles** -- but time and necessity eventually united them under the common banner of "The Chaotix"!

While originally thrown together by circumstance, the Chaotix have developed into a tight knit team of very close friends. Their focus varies -- from sentries to an investigative strike team in search of a mystery (and a quick buck!) -- and they have a variety of skills to back them up. While they'll gladly lend their power to fighting the **Eggman Empire**, their primary duties are to Knuckles, the Master Emerald, and their home -- Angel Island.



PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Knuckles CHAOTIX Special

Abilities:

* **Vector the Crocodile** posesses **super strength** equivalent to Knuckles, a powerful bite, and headphones that can emit high powered sonic waves. He's a great swimmer too!
* **Espio the Chameleon** can naturally **camouflage** himself, visible only to Knuckles' Guardian training. He can run, climb and cling to nearly any surface and wields numerous kunai in battle.
* **Charmy Bee** may be addled due to Eggman's meddling, but he holds his own quite well -- sustaining **flight** almost indefinitely and attacking with repeated jabs via the use of his stinger.
* **Mighty the Armadillo** is quite possibly the **strongest** being in the universe! His hard shell doubles as near impervious armor.
* **Ray the Flying Squirrel** is a nimble flyer and **glider**, strangely with or without his retractable squirrel patagium (the skin flaps under his arms) present.

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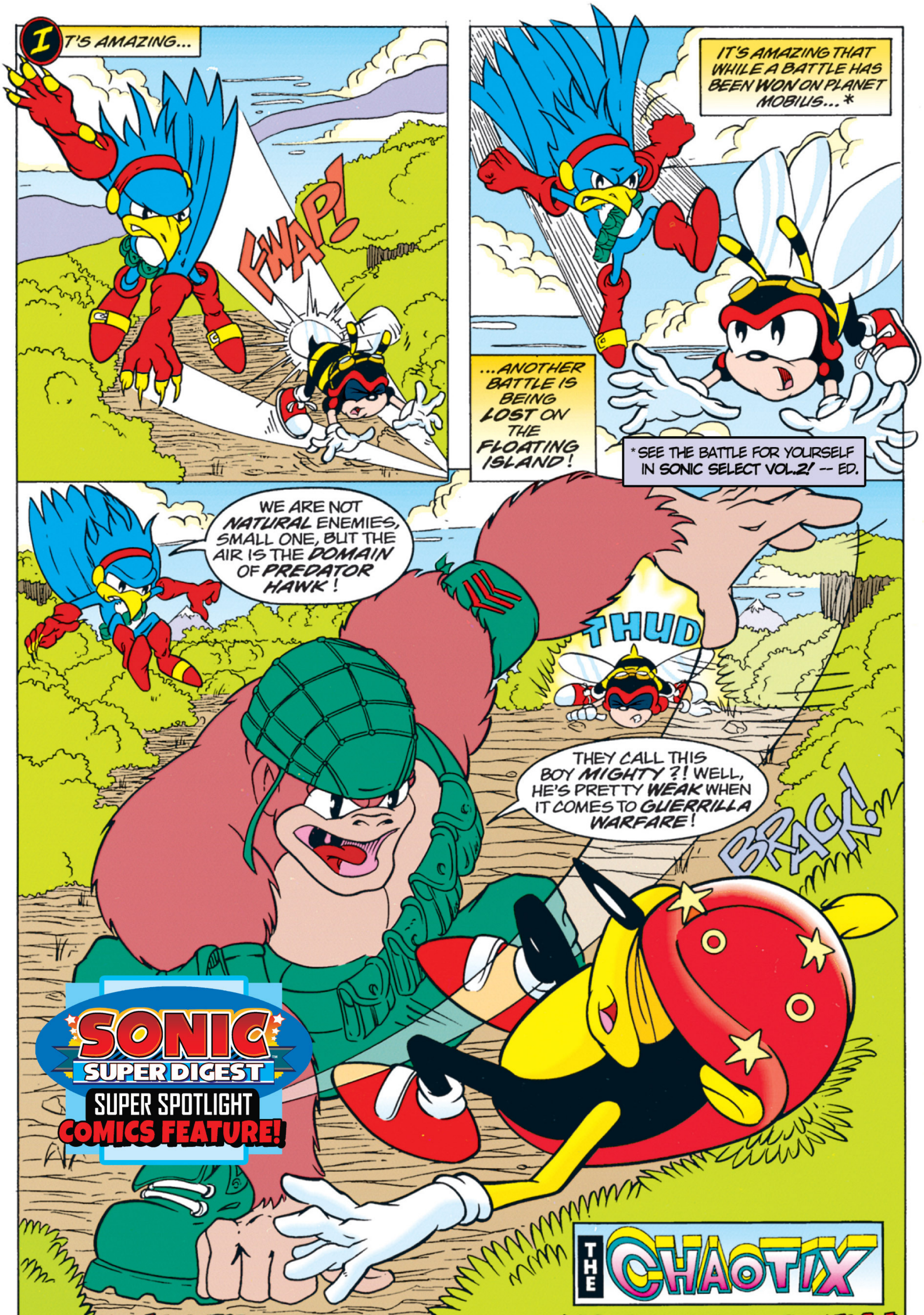
IT'S AMAZING...
F'WAP!
IT'S AMAZING THAT WHILE A BATTLE HAS BEEN WON ON PLANET MOBIUS...*
...ANOTHER BATTLE IS BEING LOST ON THE FLOATING ISLAND!
*SEE THE BATTLE FOR YOURSELF IN SONIC SELECT VOL.2! -- ED.
WE ARE NOT NATURAL ENEMIES, SMALL ONE, BUT THE AIR IS THE DOMAIN OF PREDATOR HAWK!
THUD
THEY CALL THIS BOY MIGHTY?! WELL, HE'S PRETTY WEAK WHEN IT COMES TO GUERRILLA WARFARE!
BRACK!
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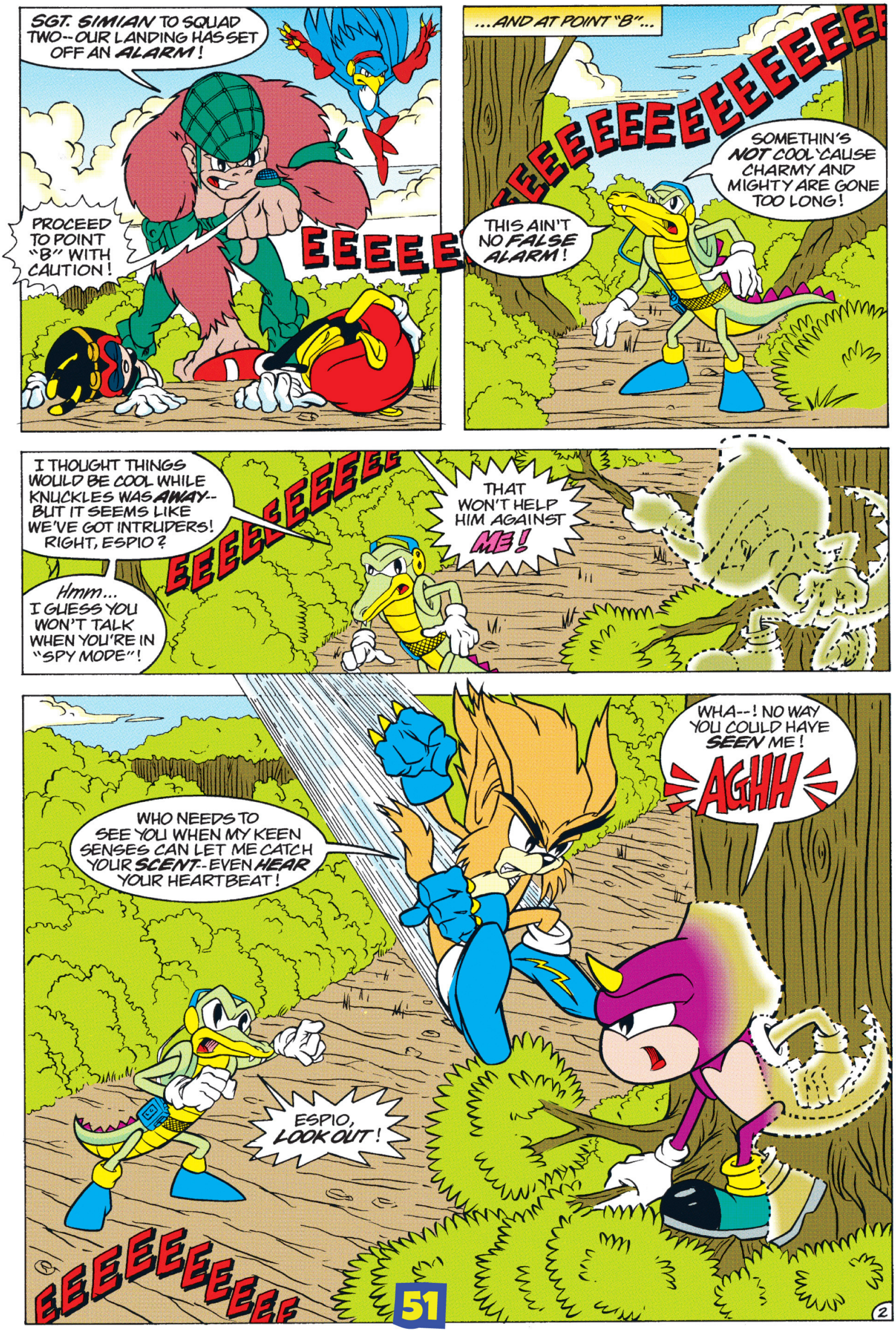
THE CHAOTIX
DON'T LET THE ISLAND HIT YOU ON THE WAY DOWN!


SGT. SIMIAN TO SQUAD TWO--OUR LANDING HAS SET OFF AN ALARM!
PROCEED TO POINT "B" WITH CAUTION!
EEEEE
...AND AT POINT "B"...
EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
SOMETHIN'S NOT COOL 'CAUSE CHARMY AND MIGHTY ARE GONE TOO LONG!
THIS AIN'T NO FALSE ALARM!
I THOUGHT THINGS WOULD BE COOL WHILE KNUCKLES WAS AWAY--BUT IT SEEMS LIKE WE'VE GOT INTRUDERS! RIGHT, ESPIO?
Hmm... I GUESS YOU WON'T TALK WHEN YOU'RE IN "SPY MODE"!
EEEEEEEEEE
THAT WON'T HELP HIM AGAINST ME!
WHA--! NO WAY YOU COULD HAVE SEEN ME!
AGHH
WHO NEEDS TO SEE YOU WHEN MY KEEN SENSES CAN LET ME CATCH YOUR SCENT--EVEN HEAR YOUR HEARTBEAT!
ESPIO, LOOK OUT!
EEEEEEEEEE
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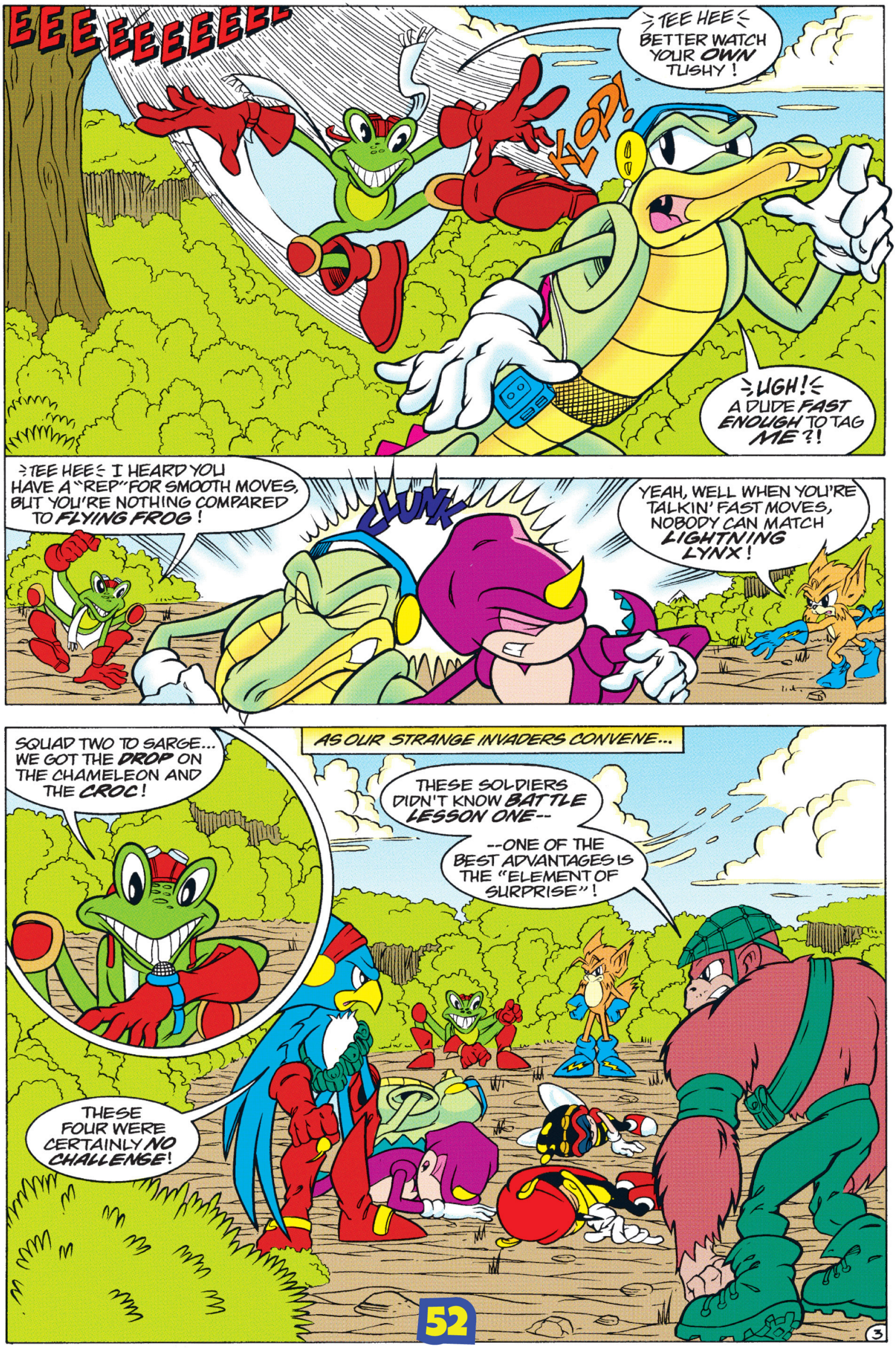
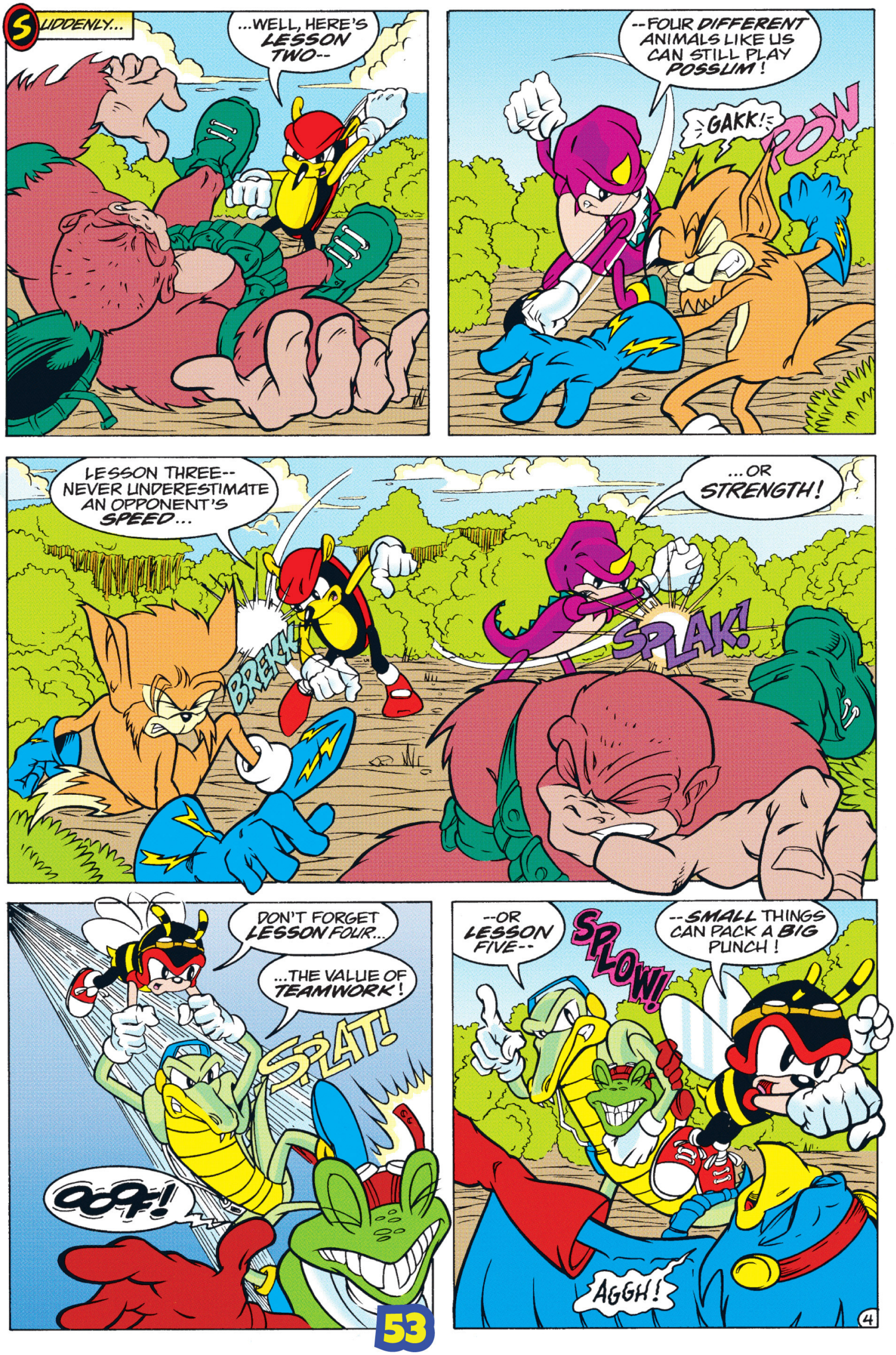

EEEEEEEEEEE
TEE HEE
BETTER WATCH YOUR *OWN* TUSHY!
KLOP!
UGH!
A DUDE *FAST ENOUGH* TO TAG *ME*?!
TEE HEE I HEARD YOU HAVE A "REP" FOR SMOOTH MOVES, BUT YOU'RE NOTHING COMPARED TO *FLYING FROG*!
CLUNK
YEAH, WELL WHEN YOU'RE TALKIN' FAST MOVES, NOBODY CAN MATCH *LIGHTNING LYNX*!
AS OUR STRANGE INVADERS CONVENE...
SQUAD TWO TO SARGE... WE GOT THE *DROP* ON THE CHAMELEON AND THE *CROC*!
THESE SOLDIERS DIDN'T KNOW *BATTLE LESSON ONE*--
--ONE OF THE BEST ADVANTAGES IS THE "ELEMENT OF SURPRISE"!
THESE FOUR WERE CERTAINLY *NO CHALLENGE*!


SUDDENLY...
...WELL, HERE'S LESSON TWO--
--FOUR DIFFERENT ANIMALS LIKE US CAN STILL PLAY POSSUM!
GAKK!
POW
LESSON THREE-- NEVER UNDERESTIMATE AN OPPONENT'S SPEED...
...OR STRENGTH!
BREKK
SPLAK!
DON'T FORGET LESSON FOUR...
...THE VALUE OF TEAMWORK!
SPLAT!
OOOF!
--OR LESSON FIVE--
SPLOW!
--SMALL THINGS CAN PACK A BIG PUNCH!
AGGH!
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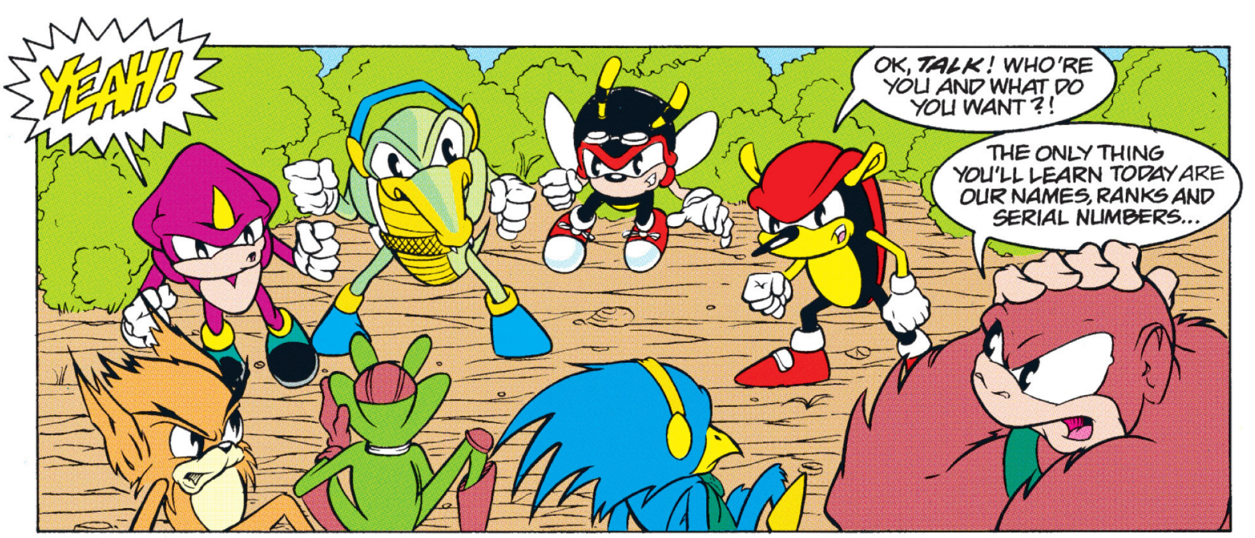
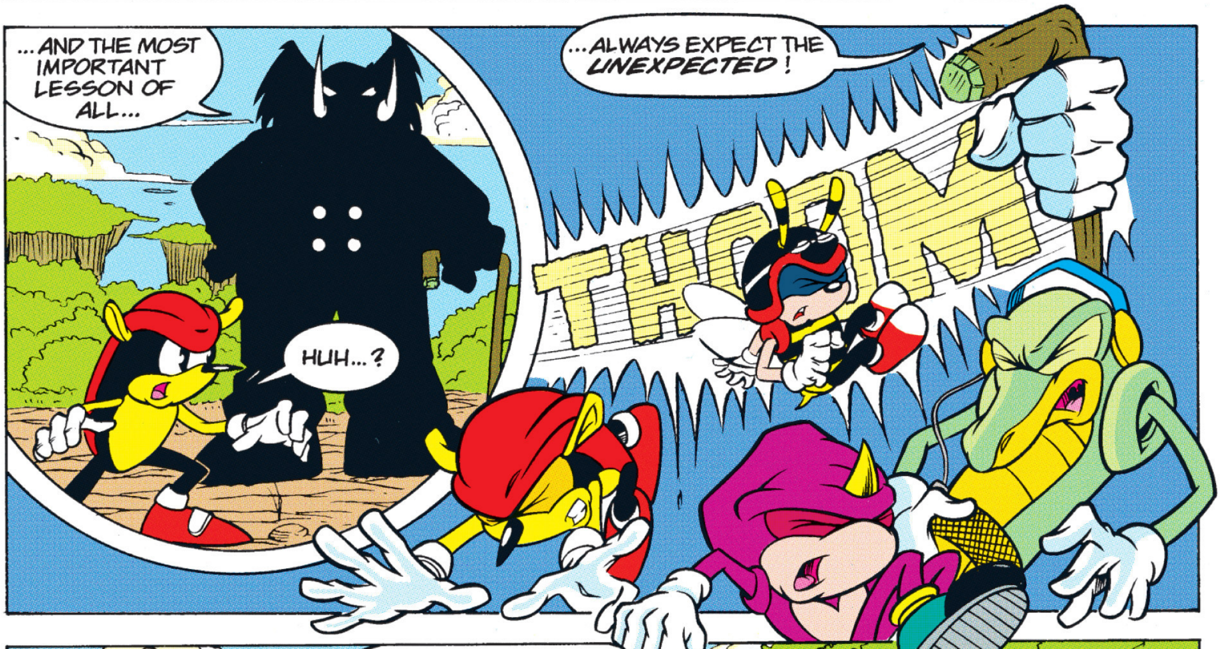
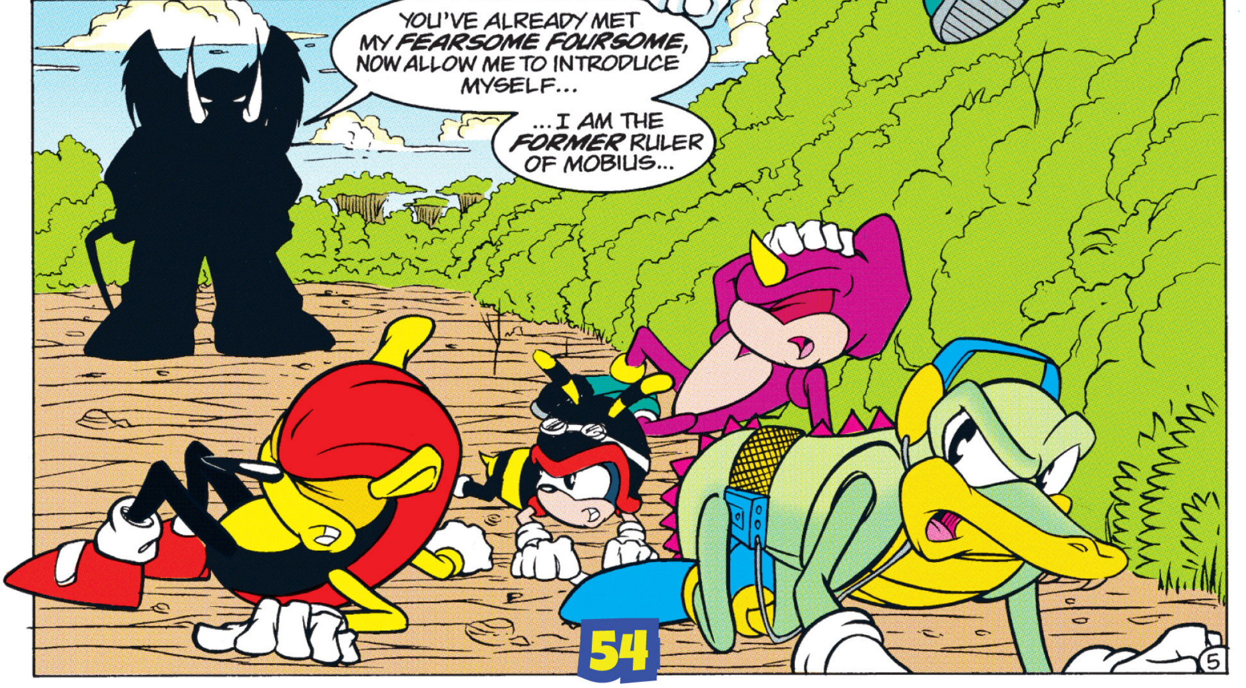
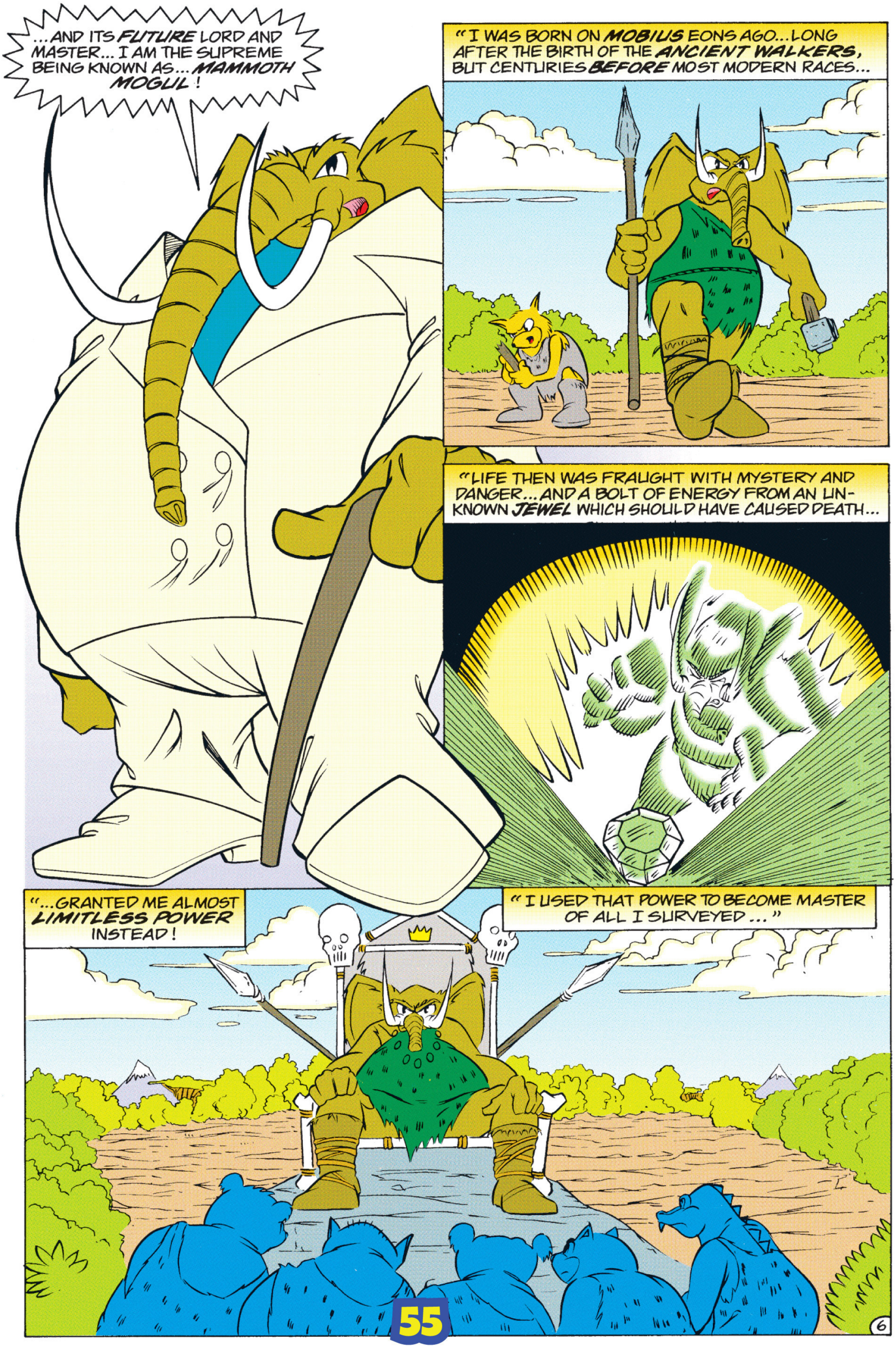
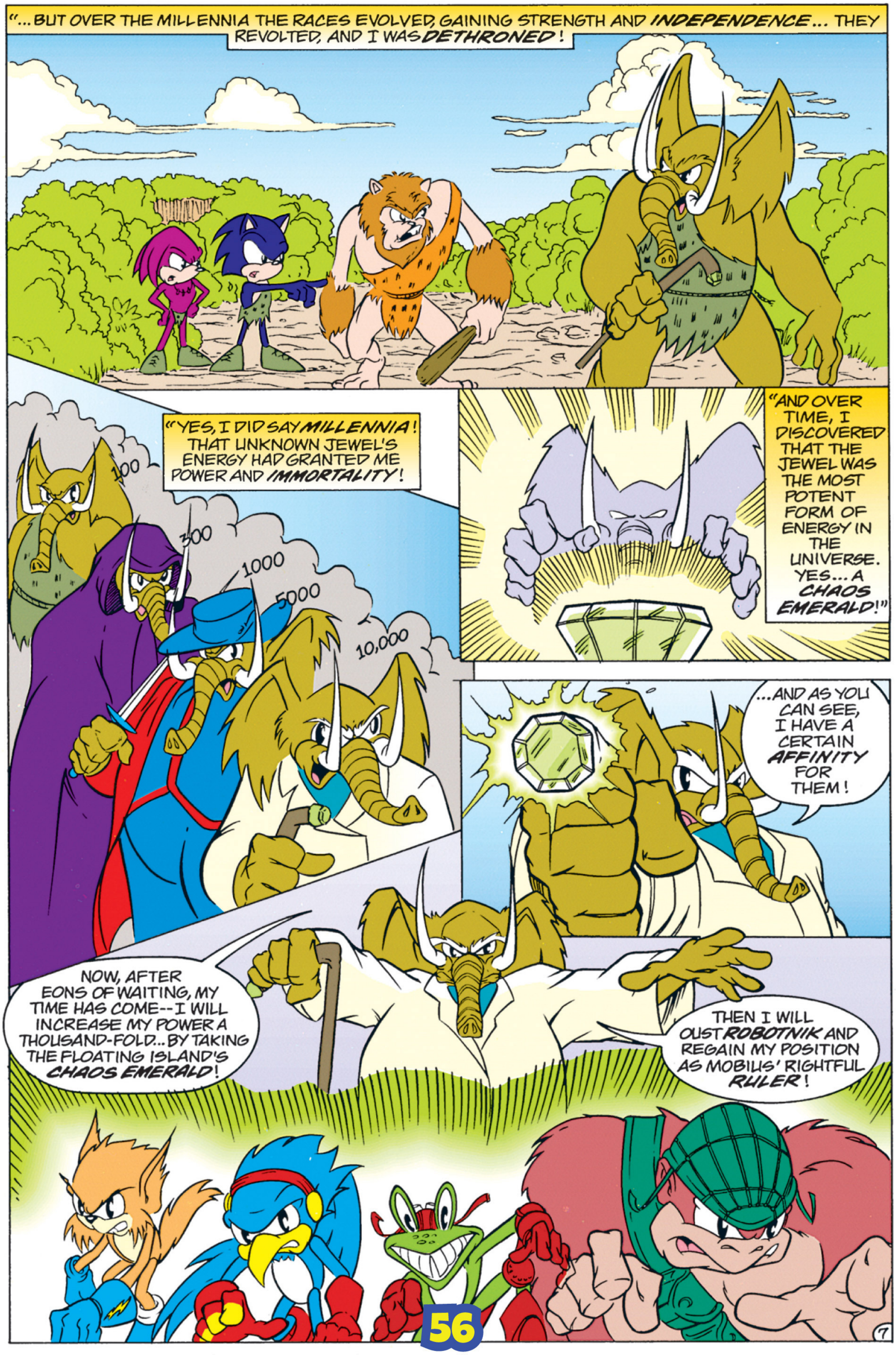
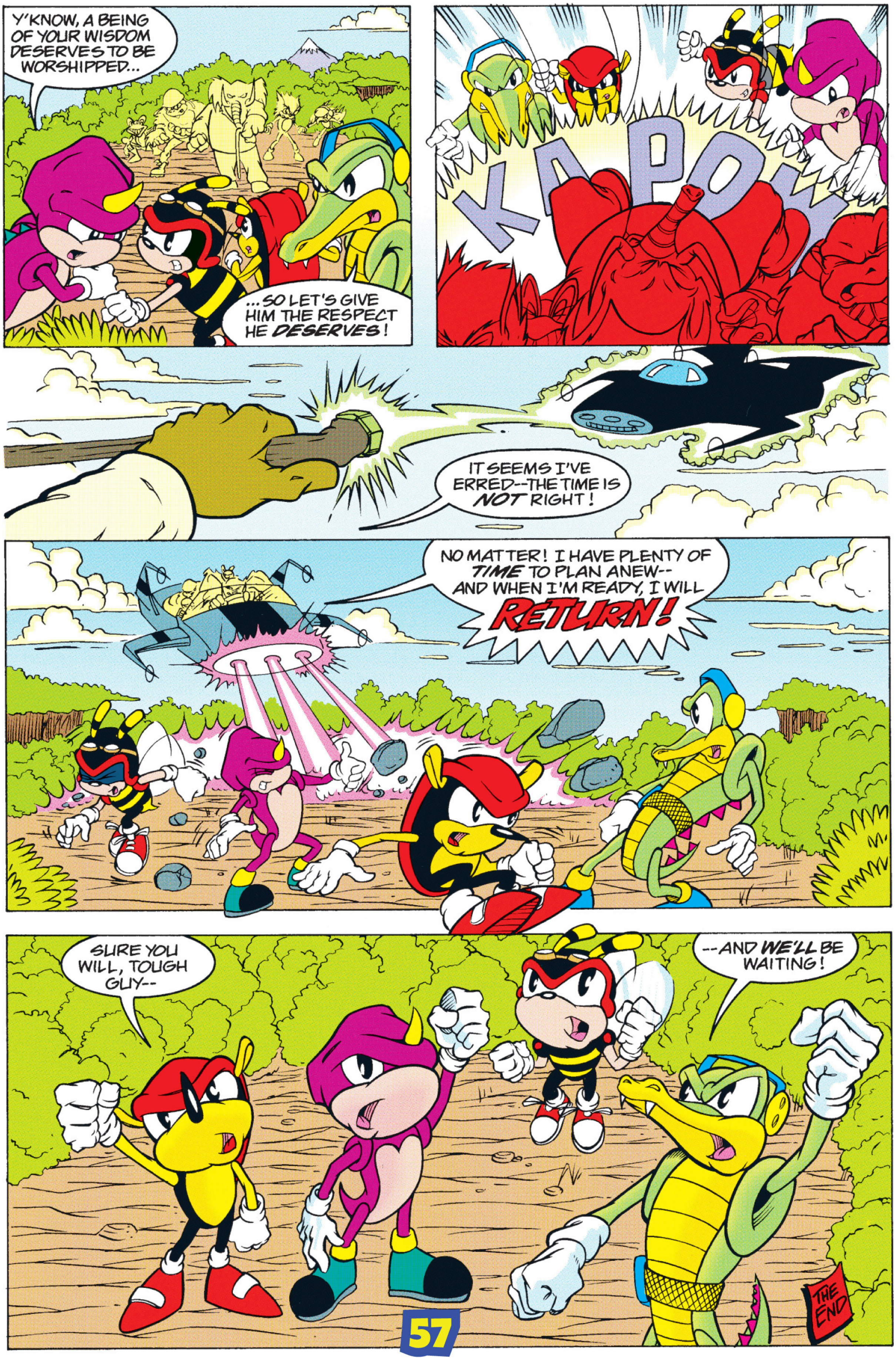

YEAH!
OK, TALK! WHO'RE YOU AND WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
THE ONLY THING YOU'LL LEARN TODAY ARE OUR NAMES, RANKS AND SERIAL NUMBERS...


...AND THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON OF ALL...
HUH...?
...ALWAYS EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!
THOOM


YOU'VE ALREADY MET MY FEARSOME FOURSOME, NOW ALLOW ME TO INTRODUCE MYSELF...
...I AM THE FORMER RULER OF MOBIUS...


...AND ITS FUTURE LORD AND MASTER... I AM THE SUPREME BEING KNOWN AS... MAMMOTH MOGUL!
"I WAS BORN ON MOBIUS EONS AGO... LONG AFTER THE BIRTH OF THE ANCIENT WALKERS, BUT CENTURIES BEFORE MOST MODERN RACES...
"LIFE THEN WAS FRAUGHT WITH MYSTERY AND DANGER... AND A BOLT OF ENERGY FROM AN UNKNOWN JEWEL WHICH SHOULD HAVE CAUSED DEATH...
"...GRANTED ME ALMOST LIMITLESS POWER INSTEAD!
"I USED THAT POWER TO BECOME MASTER OF ALL I SURVEYED..."


"...BUT OVER THE MILLENNIA THE RACES EVOLVED, GAINING STRENGTH AND *INDEPENDENCE*... THEY REVOLTED, AND I WAS *DETHRONED*!
"YES, I DID SAY *MILLENNIA*! THAT UNKNOWN JEWEL'S ENERGY HAD GRANTED ME POWER AND *IMMORTALITY*!
100
300
1000
5000
10,000
"AND OVER TIME, I DISCOVERED THAT THE JEWEL WAS THE MOST POTENT FORM OF ENERGY IN THE UNIVERSE. YES... A *CHAOS EMERALD*!"
...AND AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE A CERTAIN *AFFINITY* FOR THEM!
NOW, AFTER EONS OF WAITING, MY TIME HAS COME--I WILL INCREASE MY POWER A THOUSAND-FOLD... BY TAKING THE FLOATING ISLAND'S *CHAOS EMERALD*!
THEN I WILL OUST *ROBOTNIK* AND REGAIN MY POSITION AS MOBIUS' RIGHTFUL *RULER*!


Y'KNOW, A BEING OF YOUR WISDOM DESERVES TO BE WORSHIPPED...
...SO LET'S GIVE HIM THE RESPECT HE *DESERVES*!
KAPOW
IT SEEMS I'VE ERRED--THE TIME IS *NOT* RIGHT!
NO MATTER! I HAVE PLENTY OF *TIME* TO PLAN ANEW--AND WHEN I'M READY, I WILL *RETURN!*
SURE YOU WILL, TOUGH GUY--
--AND *WE'LL* BE WAITING!
THE END

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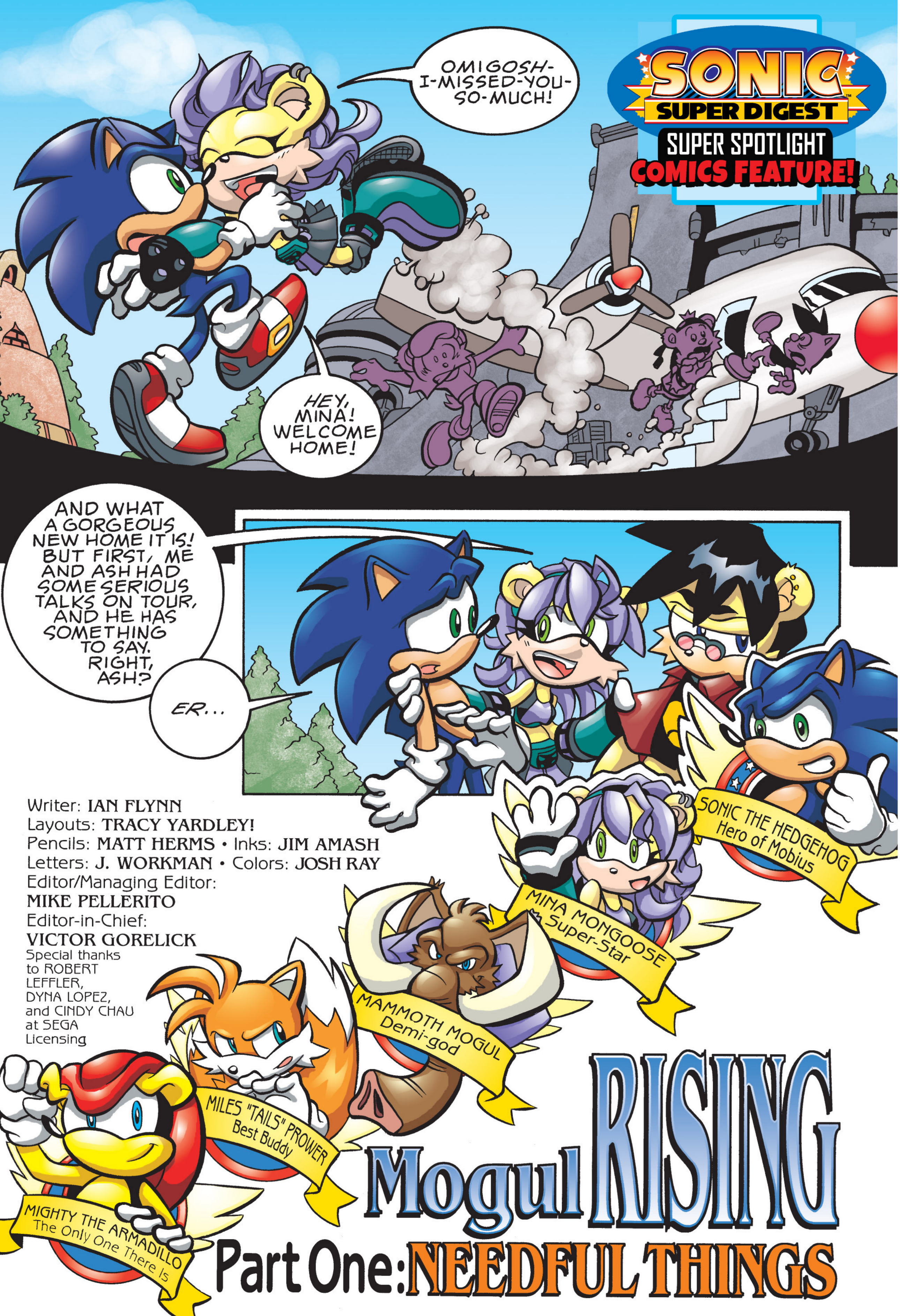
OMIGOSH-I-MISSED-YOU-SO-MUCH!
HEY, MINA! WELCOME HOME!
AND WHAT A GORGEOUS NEW HOME IT IS! BUT FIRST, ME AND ASH HAD SOME SERIOUS TALKS ON TOUR, AND HE HAS SOMETHING TO SAY. RIGHT, ASH?
ER...
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG Hero of Mobius
MINA MONGOOSE Super-Star
MAMMOTH MOGUL Demi-god
MILES "TAILS" PROWER Best Buddy
MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO The Only One There Is

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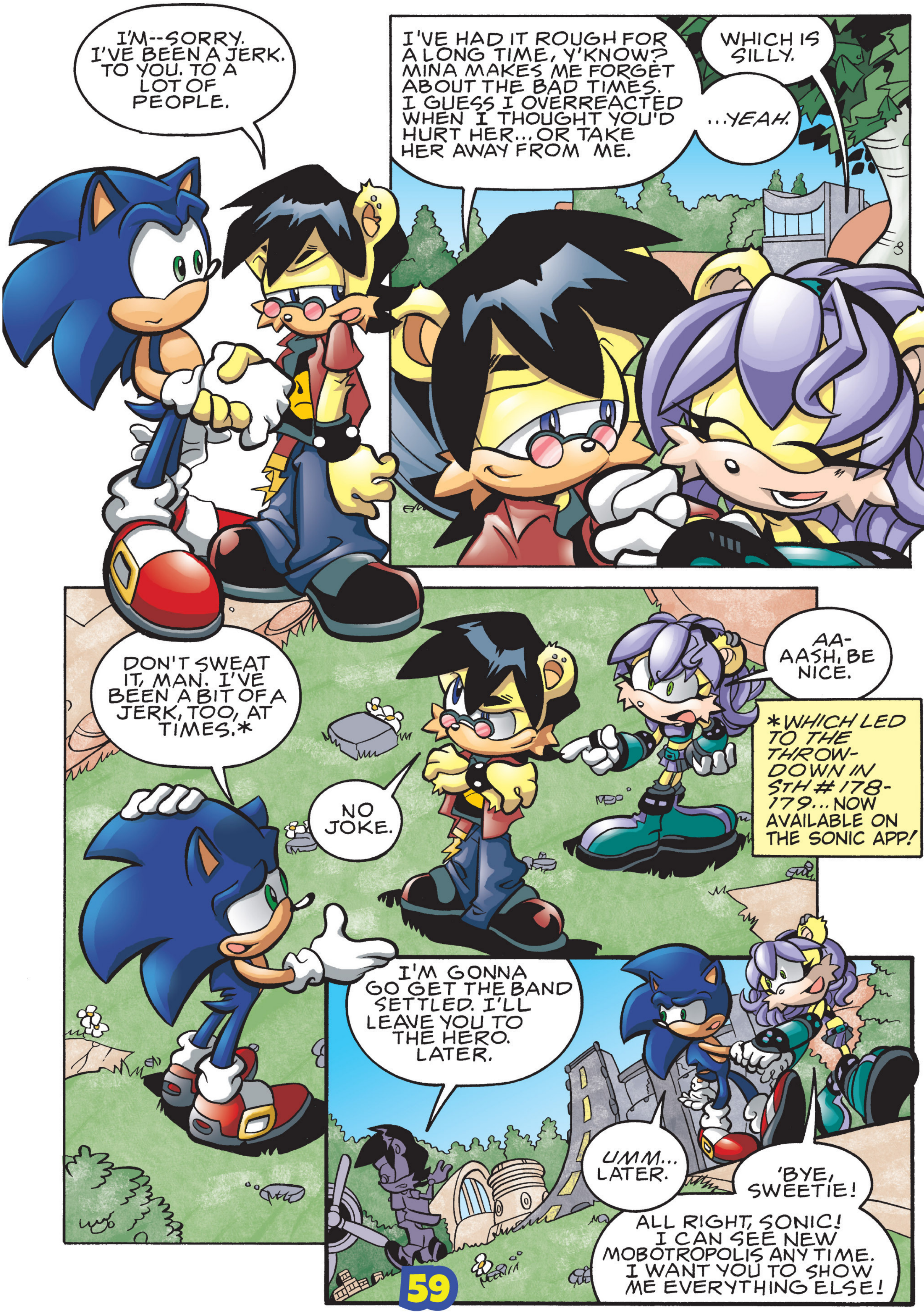
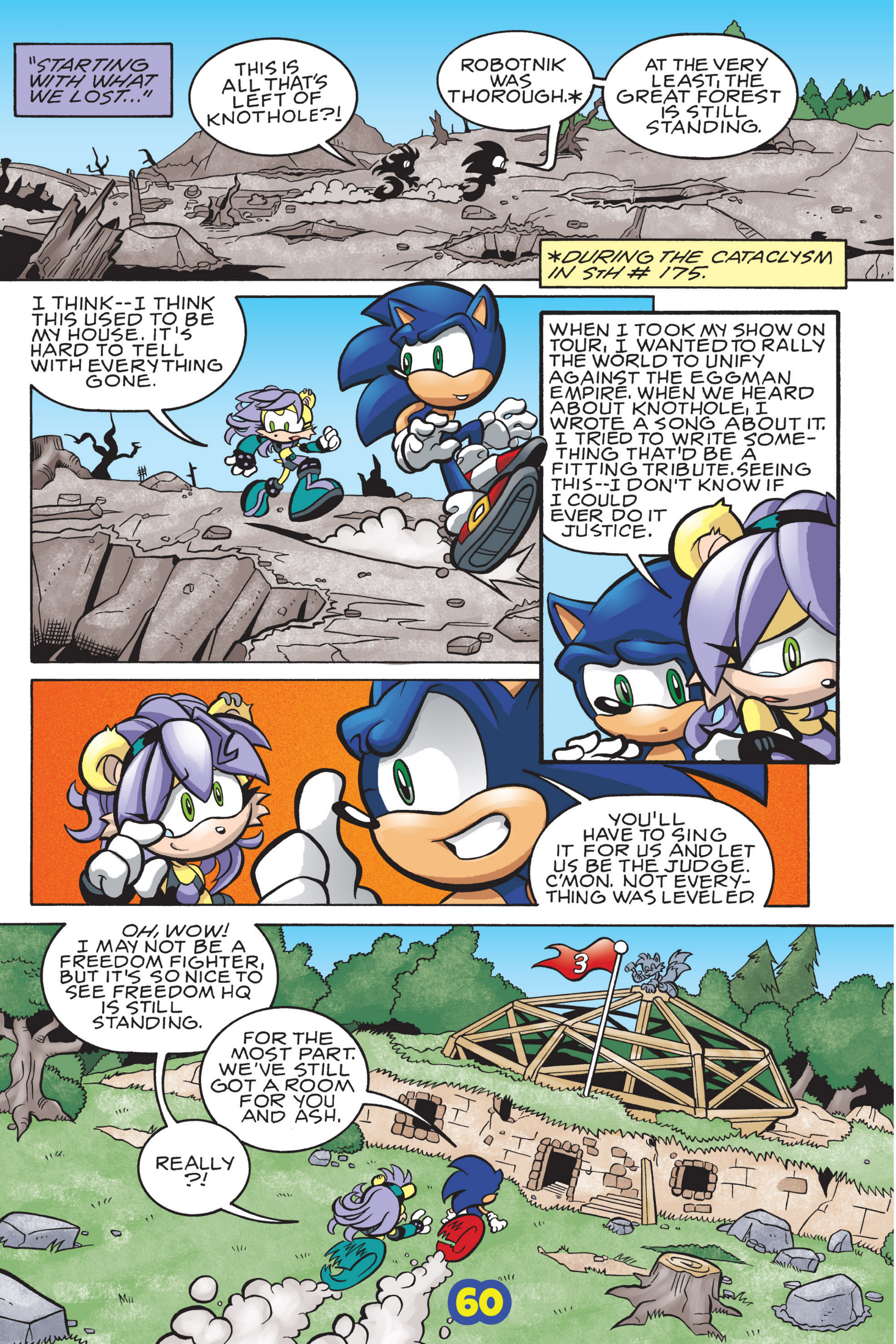
Part One: NEEDFUL THINGS


I'M--SORRY. I'VE BEEN A JERK. TO YOU. TO A LOT OF PEOPLE.
I'VE HAD IT ROUGH FOR A LONG TIME, Y'KNOW? MINA MAKES ME FORGET ABOUT THE BAD TIMES. I GUESS I OVERREACTED WHEN I THOUGHT YOU'D HURT HER... OR TAKE HER AWAY FROM ME.
WHICH IS SILLY.
...YEAH.
DON'T SWEAT IT, MAN. I'VE BEEN A BIT OF A JERK, TOO, AT TIMES.*
NO JOKE.
AA-AASH, BE NICE.
*WHICH LED TO THE THROW-DOWN IN StH #178-179... NOW AVAILABLE ON THE SONIC APP!
I'M GONNA GO GET THE BAND SETTLED. I'LL LEAVE YOU TO THE HERO. LATER.
UMM... LATER.
'BYE, SWEETIE!
ALL RIGHT, SONIC! I CAN SEE NEW MOBOTROPOLIS ANY TIME. I WANT YOU TO SHOW ME EVERYTHING ELSE!


"STARTING WITH WHAT WE LOST..."
THIS IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF KNOTHOLE?!
ROBOTNIK WAS THOROUGH.*
AT THE VERY LEAST, THE GREAT FOREST IS STILL STANDING.
*DURING THE CATACLYSM IN StH # 175.
I THINK--I THINK THIS USED TO BE MY HOUSE. IT'S HARD TO TELL WITH EVERYTHING GONE.
WHEN I TOOK MY SHOW ON TOUR, I WANTED TO RALLY THE WORLD TO UNIFY AGAINST THE EGGMAN EMPIRE. WHEN WE HEARD ABOUT KNOTHOLE, I WROTE A SONG ABOUT IT. I TRIED TO WRITE SOMETHING THAT'D BE A FITTING TRIBUTE. SEEING THIS--I DON'T KNOW IF I COULD EVER DO IT JUSTICE.
YOU'LL HAVE TO SING IT FOR US AND LET US BE THE JUDGE. C'MON. NOT EVERYTHING WAS LEVELED.
OH, WOW! I MAY NOT BE A FREEDOM FIGHTER, BUT IT'S SO NICE TO SEE FREEDOM HQ IS STILL STANDING.
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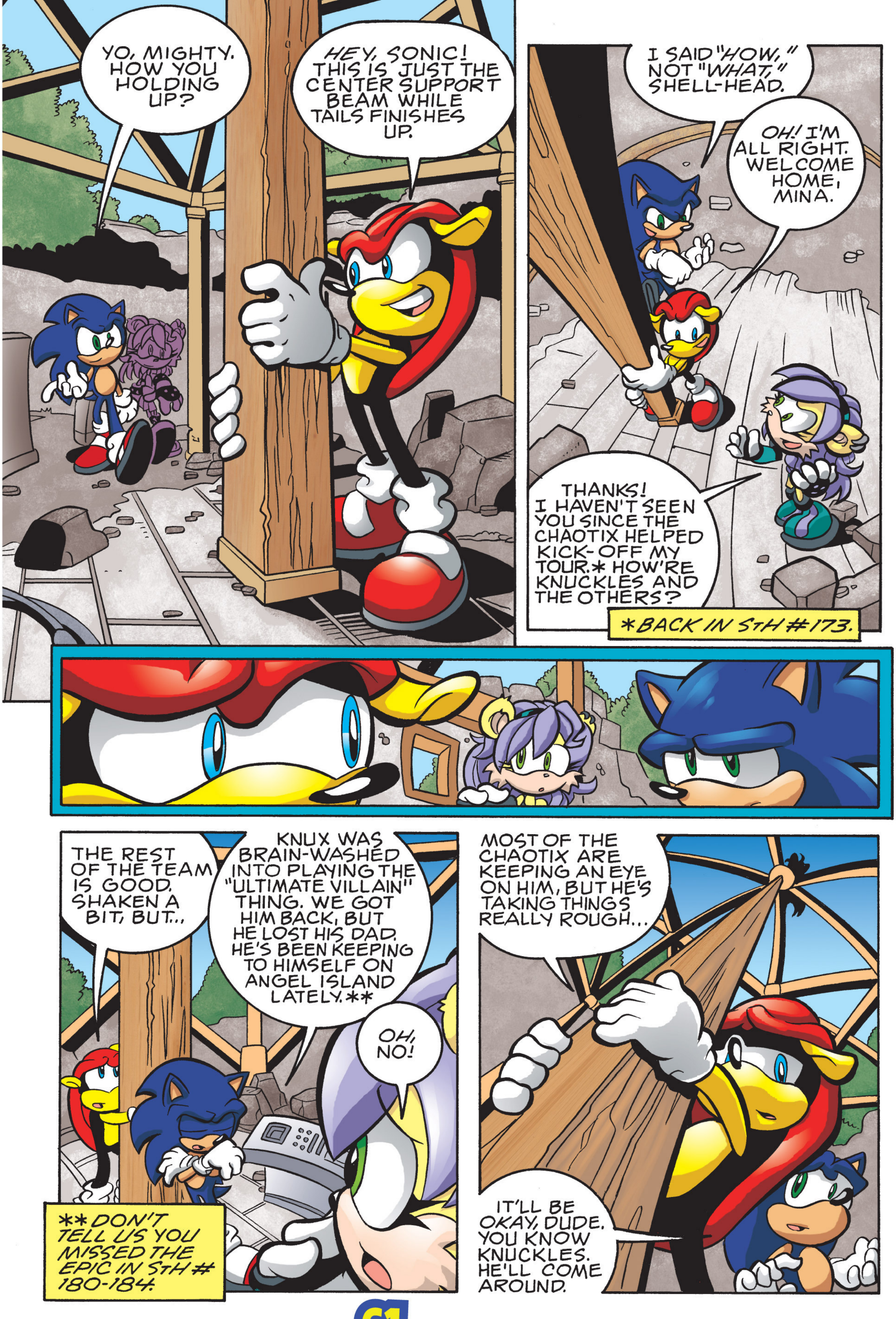
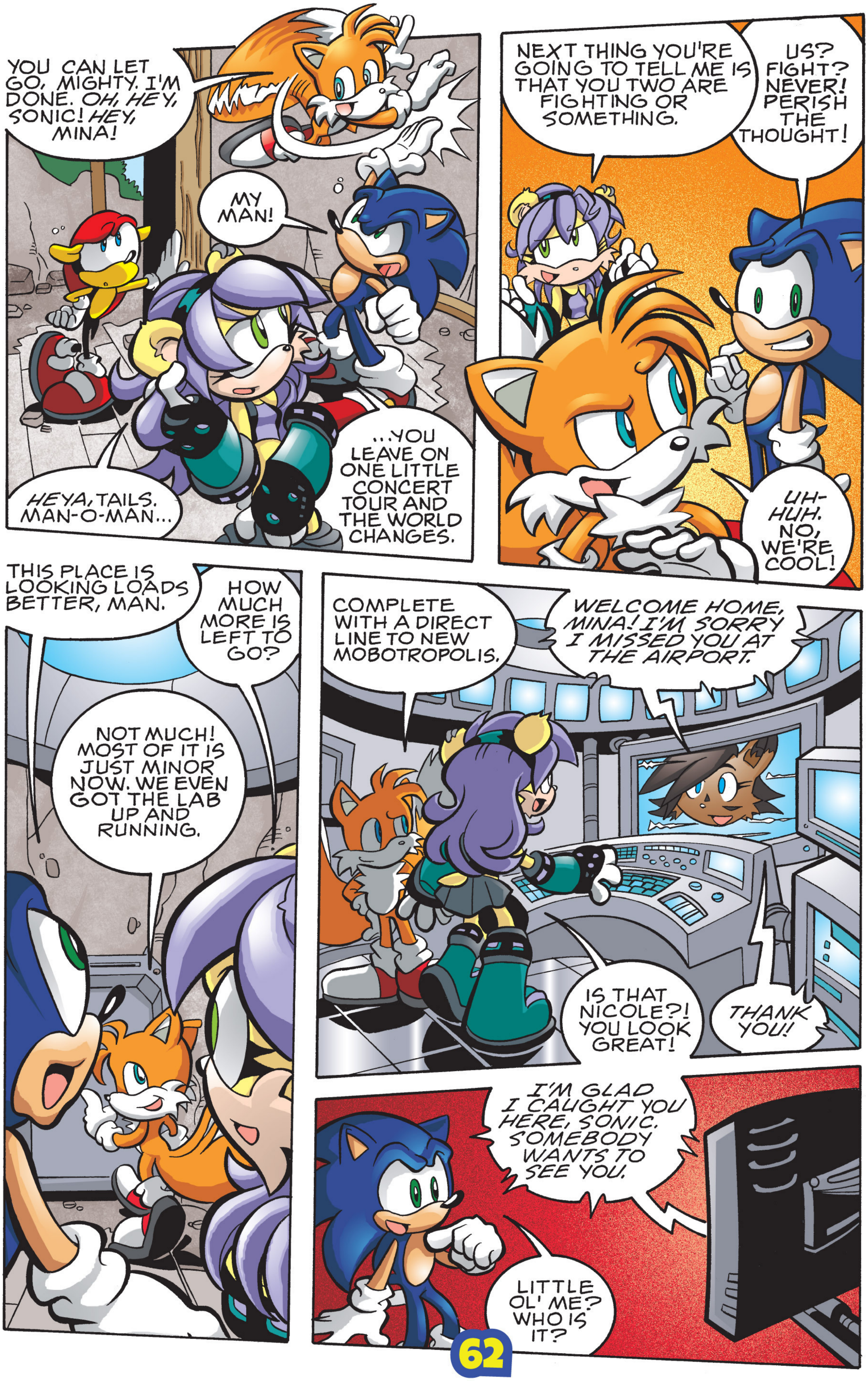
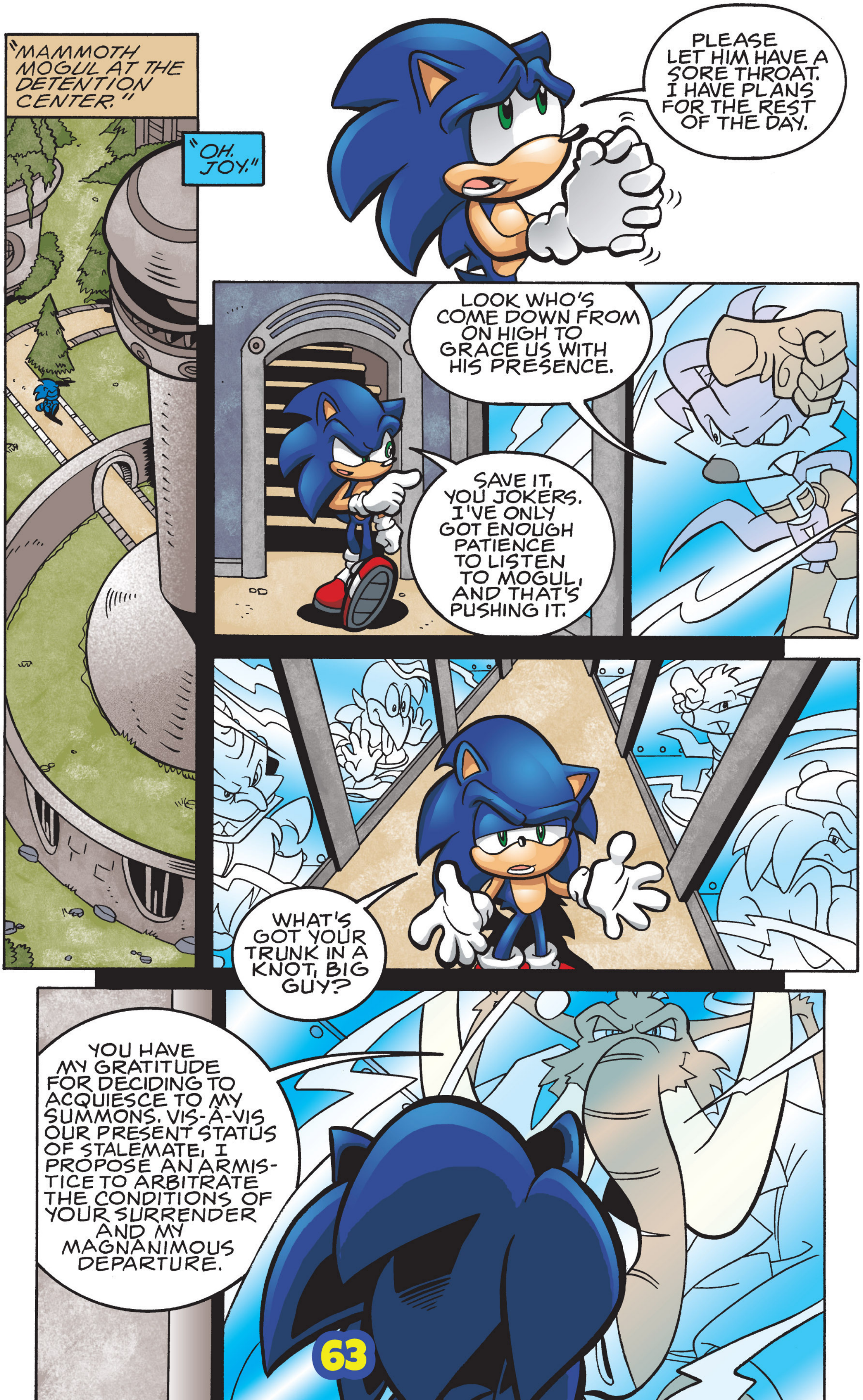
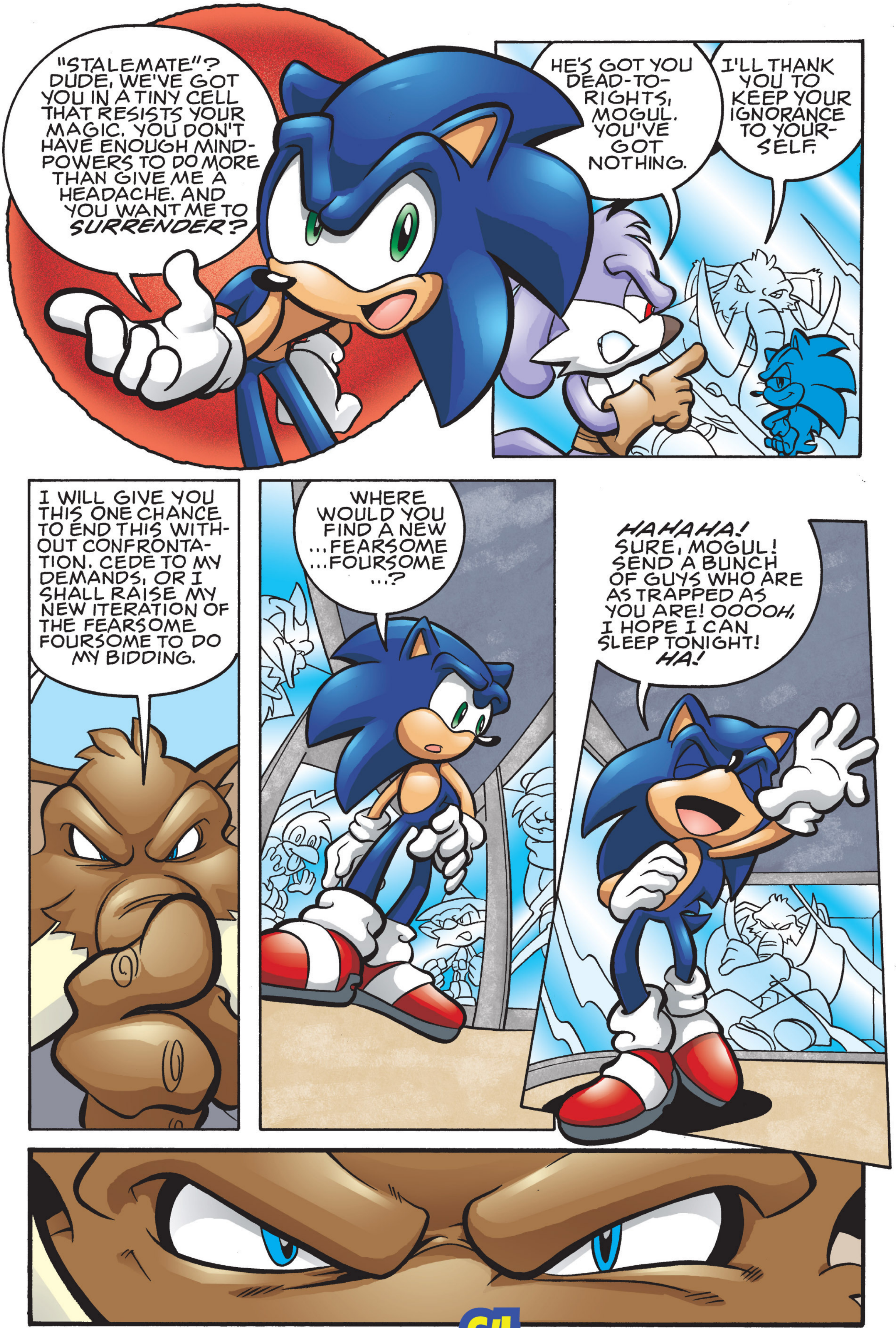
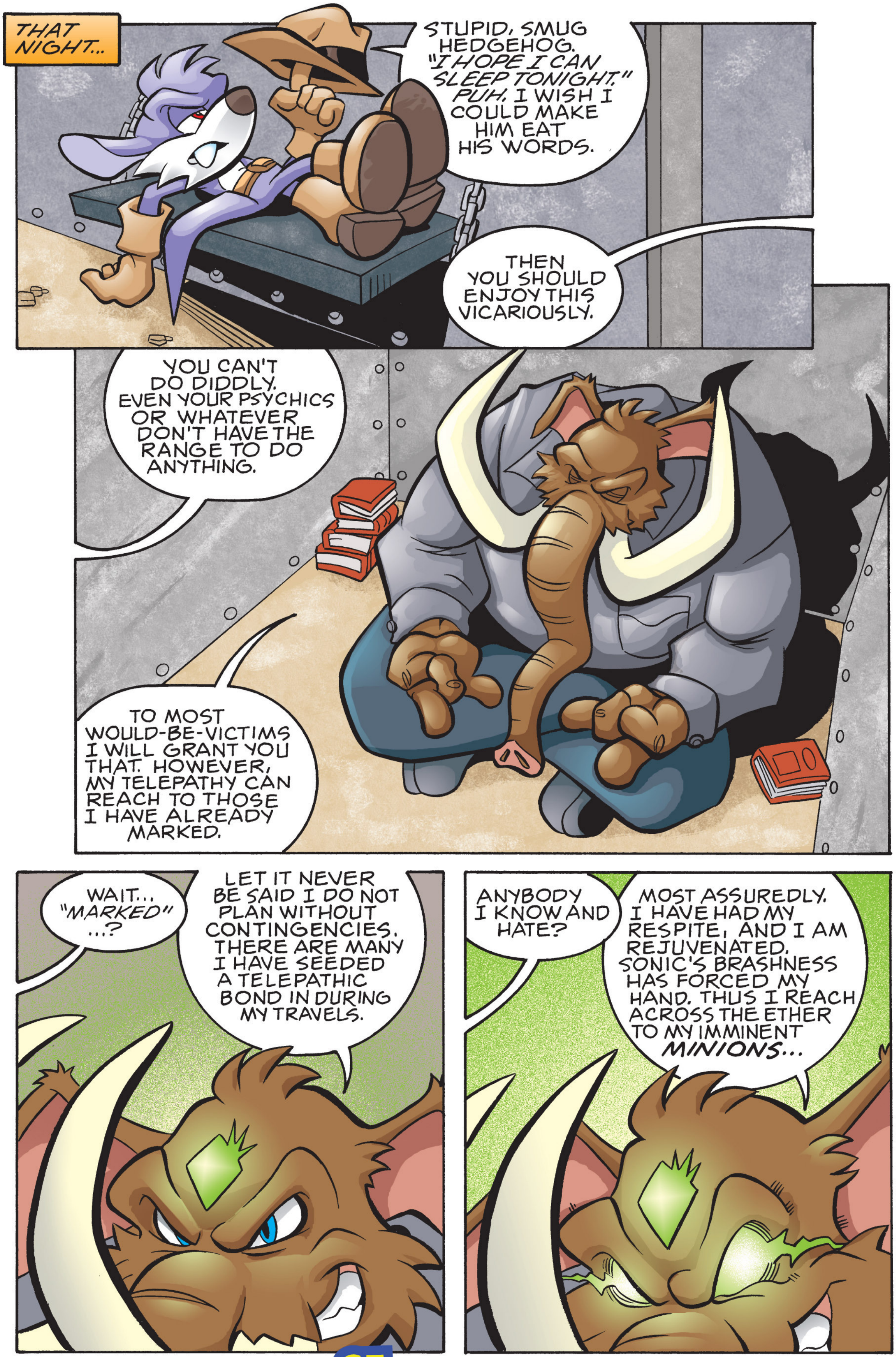
FOR THE MOST PART. WE'VE STILL GOT A ROOM FOR YOU AND ASH.
REALLY?!

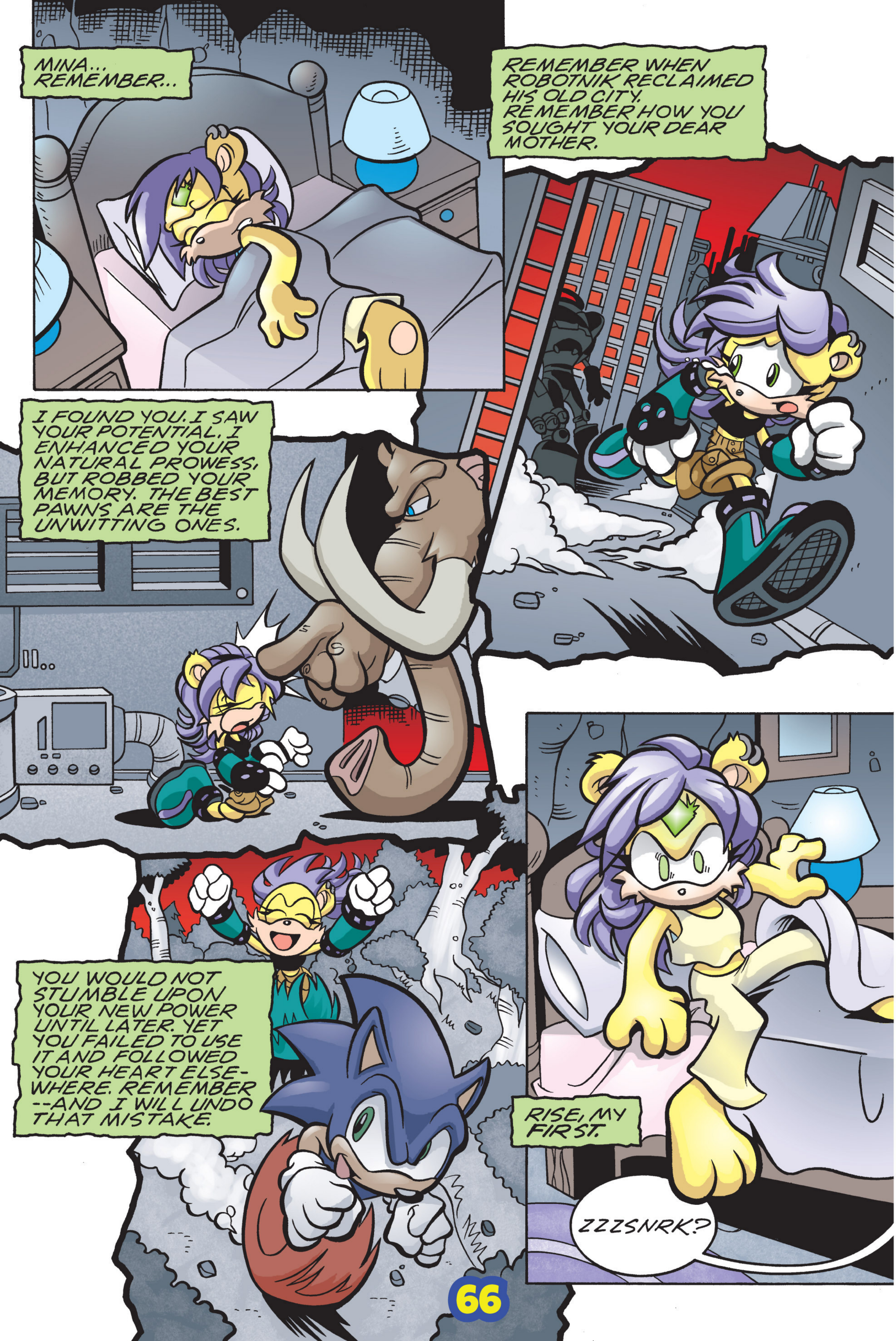

YO, MIGHTY. HOW YOU HOLDING UP?
HEY, SONIC! THIS IS JUST THE CENTER SUPPORT BEAM WHILE TAILS FINISHES UP.
I SAID "HOW," NOT "WHAT," SHELL-HEAD.
OH! I'M ALL RIGHT. WELCOME HOME, MINA.
THANKS! I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE CHAOTIX HELPED KICK-OFF MY TOUR.* HOW'RE KNUCKLES AND THE OTHERS?
*BACK IN StH #173.
THE REST OF THE TEAM IS GOOD. SHAKEN A BIT, BUT...
KNUX WAS BRAIN-WASHED INTO PLAYING THE "ULTIMATE VILLAIN" THING. WE GOT HIM BACK, BUT HE LOST HIS DAD. HE'S BEEN KEEPING TO HIMSELF ON ANGEL ISLAND LATELY.**
OH, NO!
**DON'T TELL US YOU MISSED THE EPIC IN StH # 180-184.
MOST OF THE CHAOTIX ARE KEEPING AN EYE ON HIM, BUT HE'S TAKING THINGS REALLY ROUGH...
IT'LL BE OKAY, DUDE. YOU KNOW KNUCKLES. HE'LL COME AROUND.

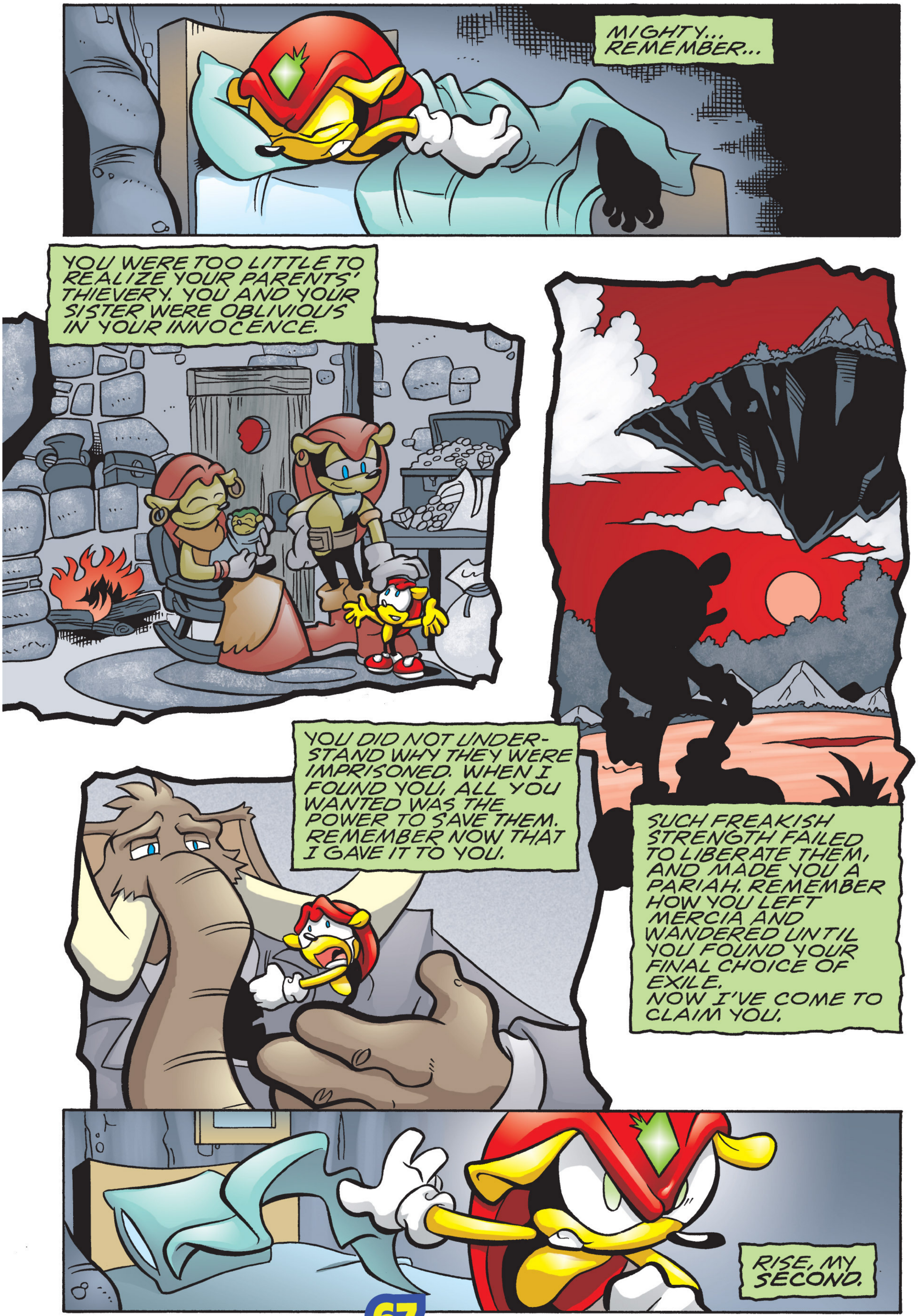

YOU CAN LET GO, MIGHTY. I'M DONE. *OH, HEY, SONIC! HEY, MINA!*
MY MAN!
HEYA, TAILS. MAN-O-MAN...
...YOU LEAVE ON ONE LITTLE CONCERT TOUR AND THE WORLD CHANGES.
NEXT THING YOU'RE GOING TO TELL ME IS THAT YOU TWO ARE FIGHTING OR SOMETHING.
US? FIGHT? NEVER! PERISH THE THOUGHT!
UH-HUH. NO, WE'RE COOL!
THIS PLACE IS LOOKING LOADS BETTER, MAN.
HOW MUCH MORE IS LEFT TO GO?
NOT MUCH! MOST OF IT IS JUST MINOR NOW. WE EVEN GOT THE LAB UP AND RUNNING.
COMPLETE WITH A DIRECT LINE TO NEW MOBOTROPOLIS.
WELCOME HOME, MINA! I'M SORRY I MISSED YOU AT THE AIRPORT.
IS THAT NICOLE?! YOU LOOK GREAT!
THANK YOU!
I'M GLAD I CAUGHT YOU HERE, SONIC. SOMEBODY WANTS TO SEE YOU.
LITTLE OL' ME? WHO IS IT?

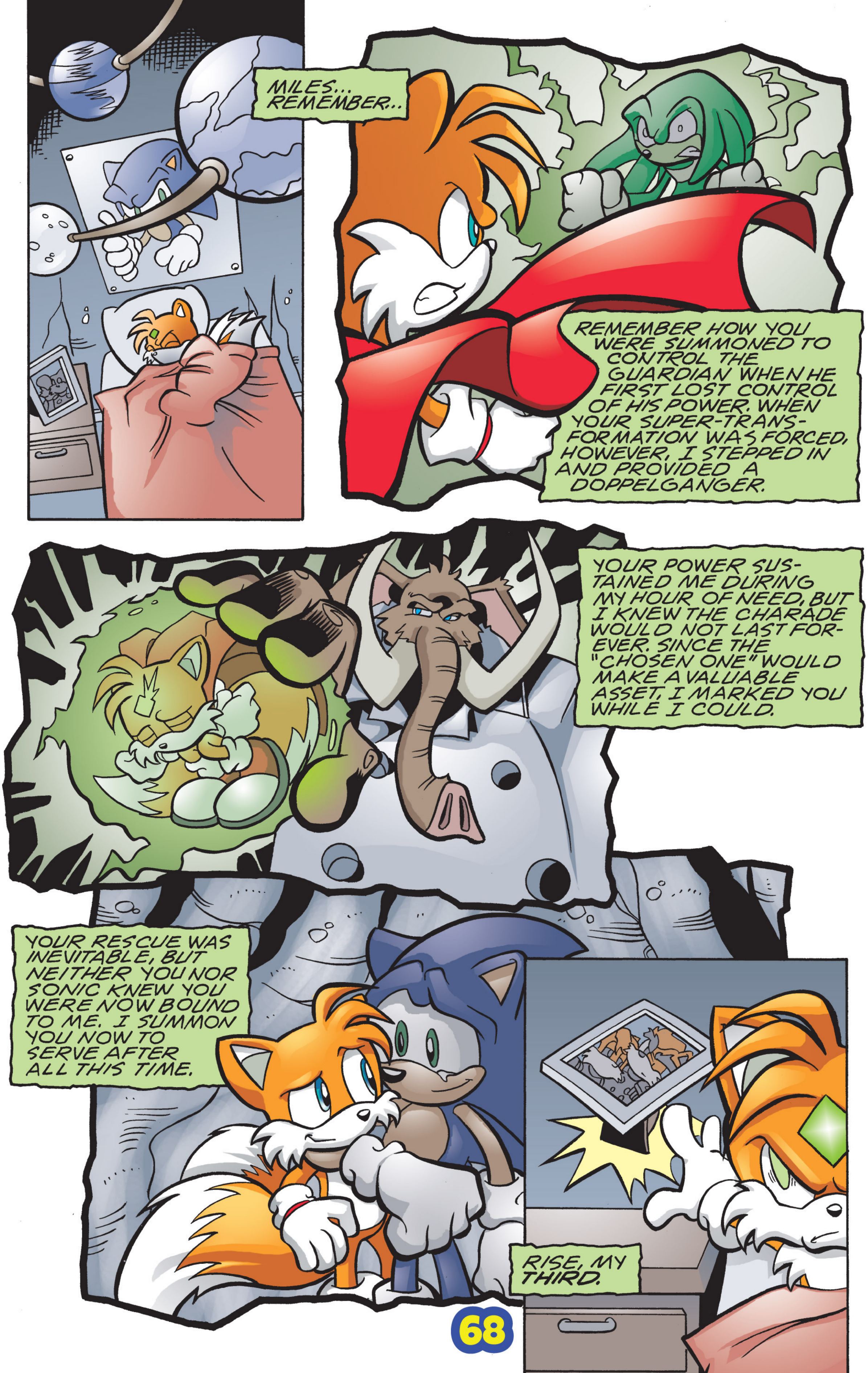

"MAMMOTH MOGUL AT THE DETENTION CENTER."
"OH. JOY."
PLEASE LET HIM HAVE A SORE THROAT. I HAVE PLANS FOR THE REST OF THE DAY.
LOOK WHO'S COME DOWN FROM ON HIGH TO GRACE US WITH HIS PRESENCE.
SAVE IT, YOU JOKERS. I'VE ONLY GOT ENOUGH PATIENCE TO LISTEN TO MOGUL, AND THAT'S PUSHING IT.
WHAT'S GOT YOUR TRUNK IN A KNOT, BIG GUY?
YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE FOR DECIDING TO ACQUIESCE TO MY SUMMONS. VIS-À-VIS OUR PRESENT STATUS OF STALEMATE, I PROPOSE AN ARMISTICE TO ARBITRATE THE CONDITIONS OF YOUR SURRENDER AND MY MAGNANIMOUS DEPARTURE.

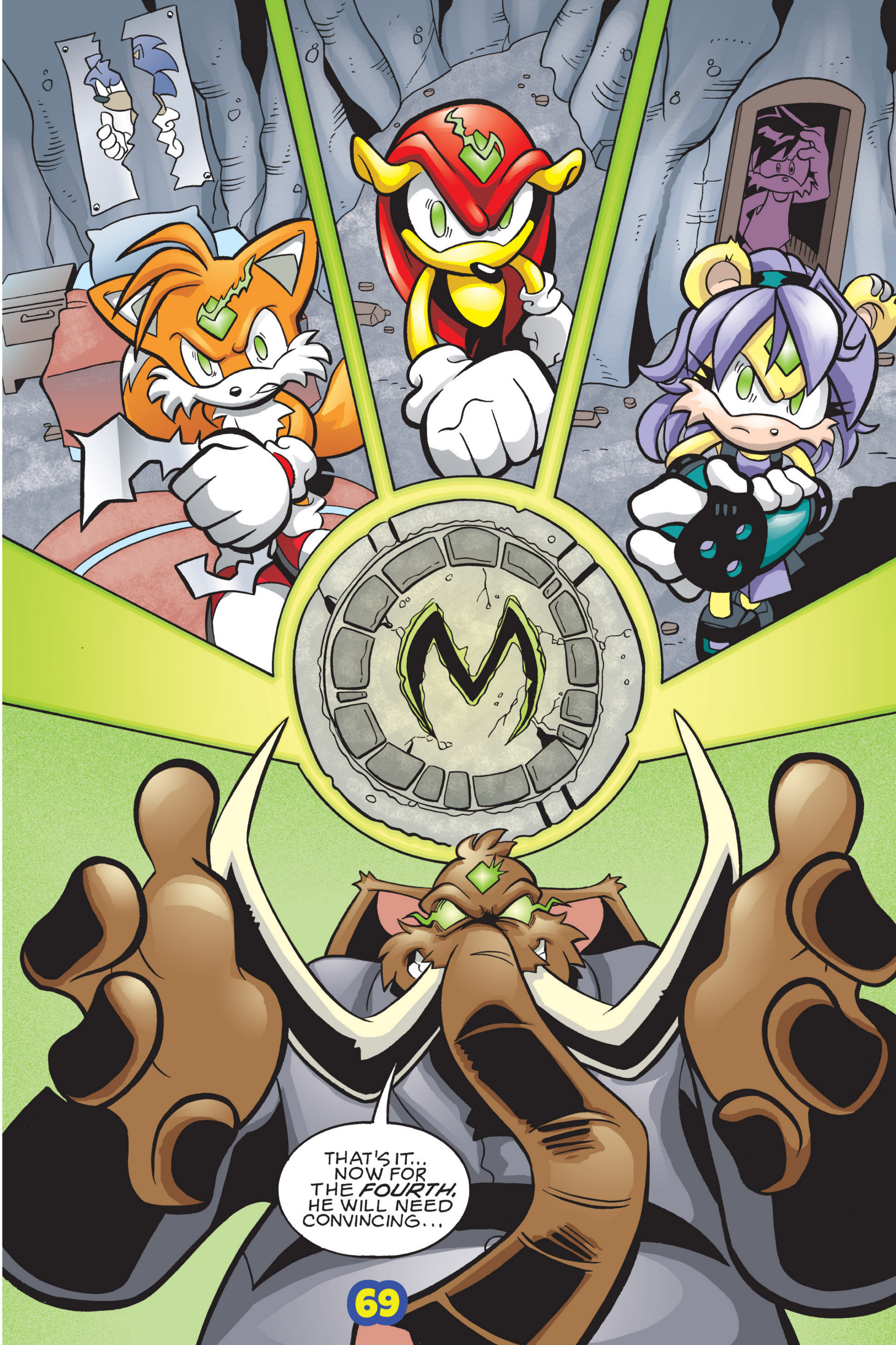

"STALEMATE"? DUDE, WE'VE GOT YOU IN A TINY CELL THAT RESISTS YOUR MAGIC. YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MIND-POWERS TO DO MORE THAN GIVE ME A HEADACHE. AND YOU WANT ME TO *SURRENDER*?
HE'S GOT YOU DEAD-TO-RIGHTS, MOGUL. YOU'VE GOT NOTHING.
I'LL THANK YOU TO KEEP YOUR IGNORANCE TO YOURSELF.
I WILL GIVE YOU THIS ONE CHANCE TO END THIS WITHOUT CONFRONTATION. CEDE TO MY DEMANDS, OR I SHALL RAISE MY NEW ITERATION OF THE FEARSOME FOURSOME TO DO MY BIDDING.
WHERE WOULD YOU FIND A NEW ...FEARSOME ...FOURSOME ...?
HAHAHA! SURE, MOGUL! SEND A BUNCH OF GUYS WHO ARE AS TRAPPED AS YOU ARE! OOOOH, I HOPE I CAN SLEEP TONIGHT! *HA!*

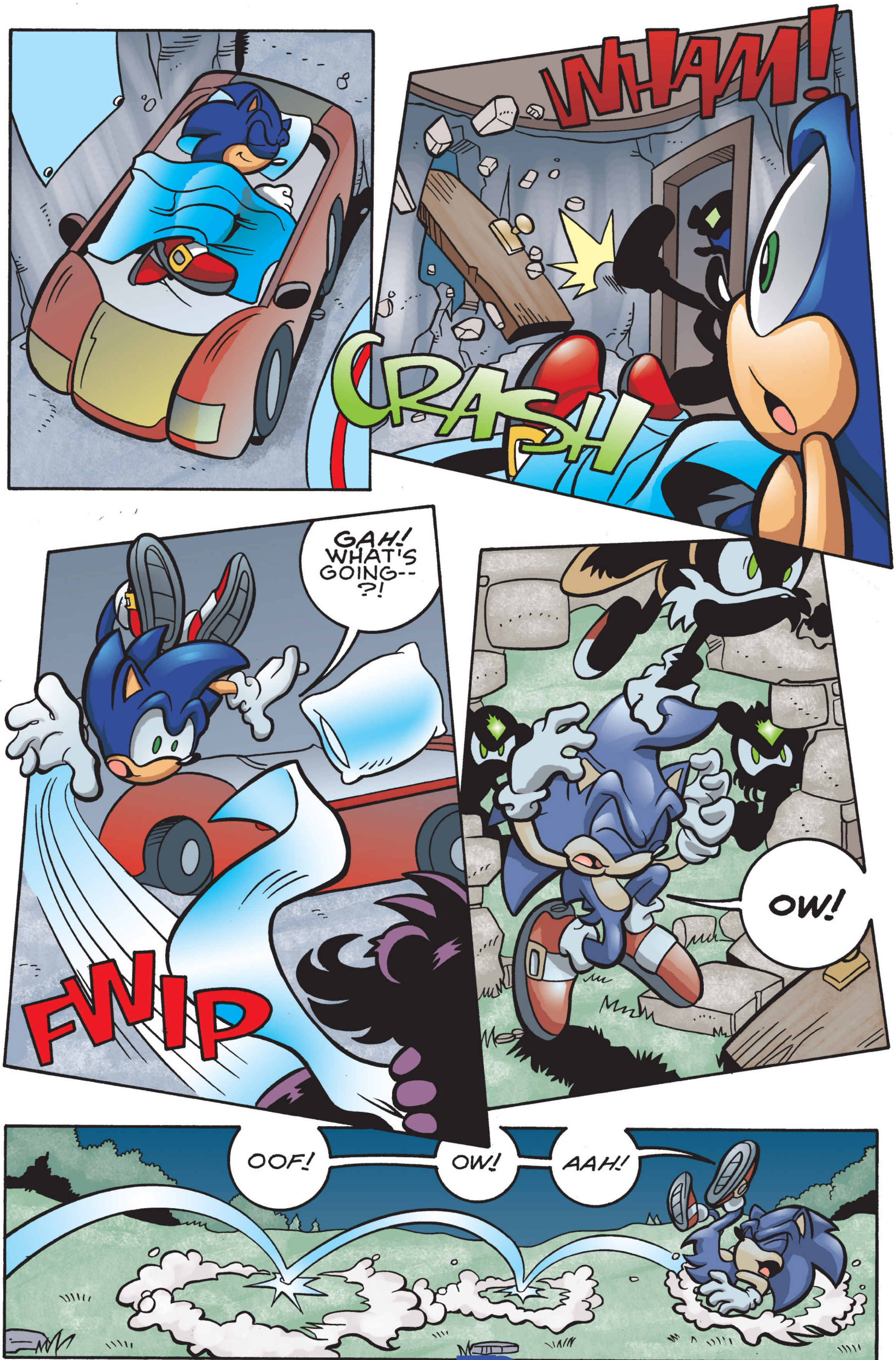

THAT NIGHT...
STUPID, SMUG HEDGEHOG. *"I HOPE I CAN SLEEP TONIGHT."* *PUH.* I WISH I COULD MAKE HIM EAT HIS WORDS.
THEN YOU SHOULD ENJOY THIS VICARIOUSLY.
YOU CAN'T DO DIDDLY. EVEN YOUR PSYCHICS OR WHATEVER DON'T HAVE THE RANGE TO DO ANYTHING.
TO MOST WOULD-BE-VICTIMS I WILL GRANT YOU THAT. HOWEVER, MY TELEPATHY CAN REACH TO THOSE I HAVE ALREADY MARKED.
WAIT... *"MARKED"* ...?
LET IT NEVER BE SAID I DO NOT PLAN WITHOUT CONTINGENCIES. THERE ARE MANY I HAVE SEEDED A TELEPATHIC BOND IN DURING MY TRAVELS.
ANYBODY I KNOW AND HATE?
MOST ASSUREDLY. I HAVE HAD MY RESPITE, AND I AM REJUVENATED. SONIC'S BRASHNESS HAS FORCED MY HAND. THUS I REACH ACROSS THE ETHER TO MY IMMINENT ***MINIONS...***

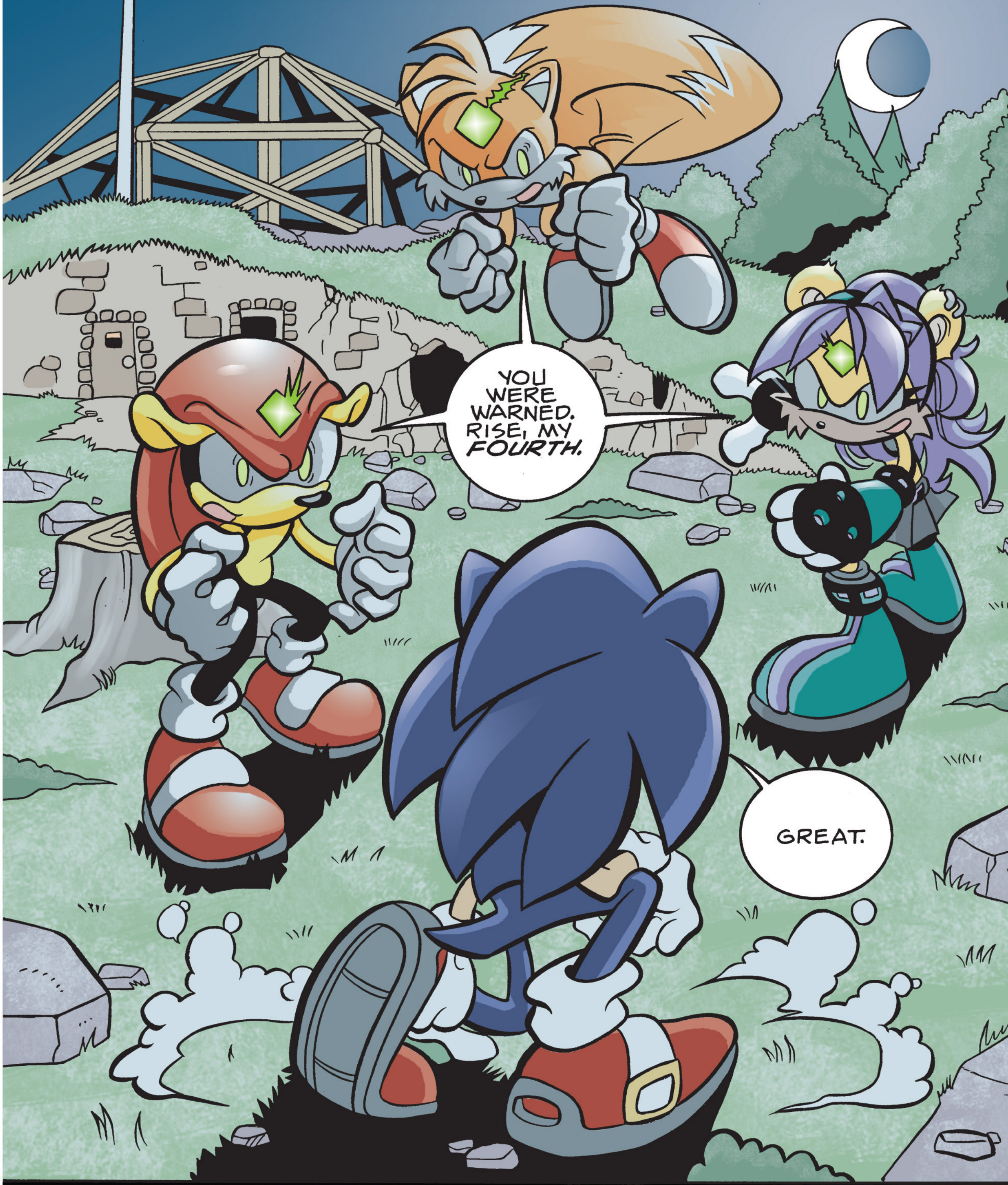

MINA... REMEMBER...
REMEMBER WHEN ROBOTNIK RECLAIMED HIS OLD CITY. REMEMBER HOW YOU SOUGHT YOUR DEAR MOTHER.
I FOUND YOU. I SAW YOUR POTENTIAL. I ENHANCED YOUR NATURAL PROWESS, BUT ROBBED YOUR MEMORY. THE BEST PAWNS ARE THE UNWITTING ONES.
YOU WOULD NOT STUMBLE UPON YOUR NEW POWER UNTIL LATER. YET YOU FAILED TO USE IT AND FOLLOWED YOUR HEART ELSEWHERE. REMEMBER --AND I WILL UNDO THAT MISTAKE.
RISE, MY FIRST.
ZZZSNRK?


MIGHTY... REMEMBER...
YOU WERE TOO LITTLE TO REALIZE YOUR PARENTS' THIEVERY. YOU AND YOUR SISTER WERE OBLIVIOUS IN YOUR INNOCENCE.
YOU DID NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THEY WERE IMPRISONED. WHEN I FOUND YOU, ALL YOU WANTED WAS THE POWER TO SAVE THEM. REMEMBER NOW THAT I GAVE IT TO YOU.
SUCH FREAKISH STRENGTH FAILED TO LIBERATE THEM, AND MADE YOU A PARIAH. REMEMBER HOW YOU LEFT MERCIA AND WANDERED UNTIL YOU FOUND YOUR FINAL CHOICE OF EXILE.
NOW I'VE COME TO CLAIM YOU.
RISE, MY SECOND.


MILES... REMEMBER...
REMEMBER HOW YOU WERE SUMMONED TO CONTROL THE GUARDIAN WHEN HE FIRST LOST CONTROL OF HIS POWER. WHEN YOUR SUPER-TRANSFORMATION WAS FORCED, HOWEVER, I STEPPED IN AND PROVIDED A DOPPELGANGER.
YOUR POWER SUSTAINED ME DURING MY HOUR OF NEED, BUT I KNEW THE CHARADE WOULD NOT LAST FOREVER. SINCE THE "CHOSEN ONE" WOULD MAKE A VALUABLE ASSET, I MARKED YOU WHILE I COULD.
YOUR RESCUE WAS INEVITABLE, BUT NEITHER YOU NOR SONIC KNEW YOU WERE NOW BOUND TO ME. I SUMMON YOU NOW TO SERVE AFTER ALL THIS TIME.
RISE, MY THIRD.


THAT'S IT... NOW FOR THE *FOURTH.* HE WILL NEED CONVINCING...


WHAM!
CRASH
GAH! WHAT'S GOING-- ?!
FWIP
OW!
OOF!
OW!
AAH!


YOU WERE WARNED. RISE, MY *FOURTH*.
GREAT.

JUST WHAT WILL MOGUL DO WITH HIS NEW ***FEARSOME FOURSOME,*** AND HOW WILL HE PERSUADE SONIC TO GO ALONG? CAN SONIC SAVE HIS MIND-CONTROLLED PALS? TAKE A SNACK BREAK, THEN CHECK OUT ***THIS ISSUE*** OF ***SONIC SUPER DIGEST*** FOR PART TWO OF...

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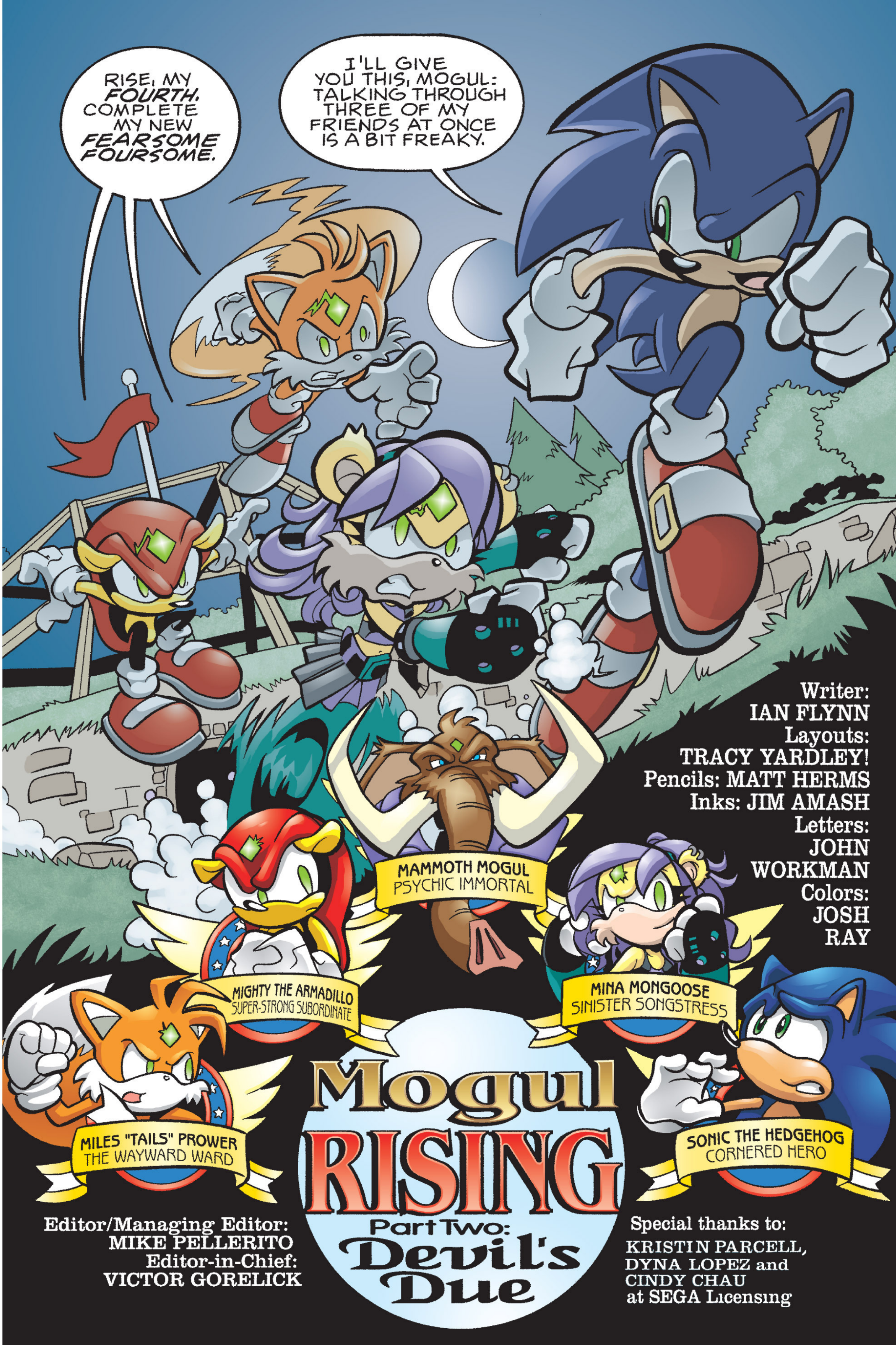
RISE, MY *FOURTH.* COMPLETE MY NEW *FEARSOME FOURSOME.*
I'LL GIVE YOU THIS, MOGUL: TALKING THROUGH THREE OF MY FRIENDS AT ONCE IS A BIT FREAKY.
MAMMOTH MOGUL
PSYCHIC IMMORTAL
MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO
SUPER-STRONG SUBORDINATE
MINA MONGOOSE
SINISTER SONGSTRESS
MILES "TAILS" PROWER
THE WAYWARD WARD
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
CORNERED HERO

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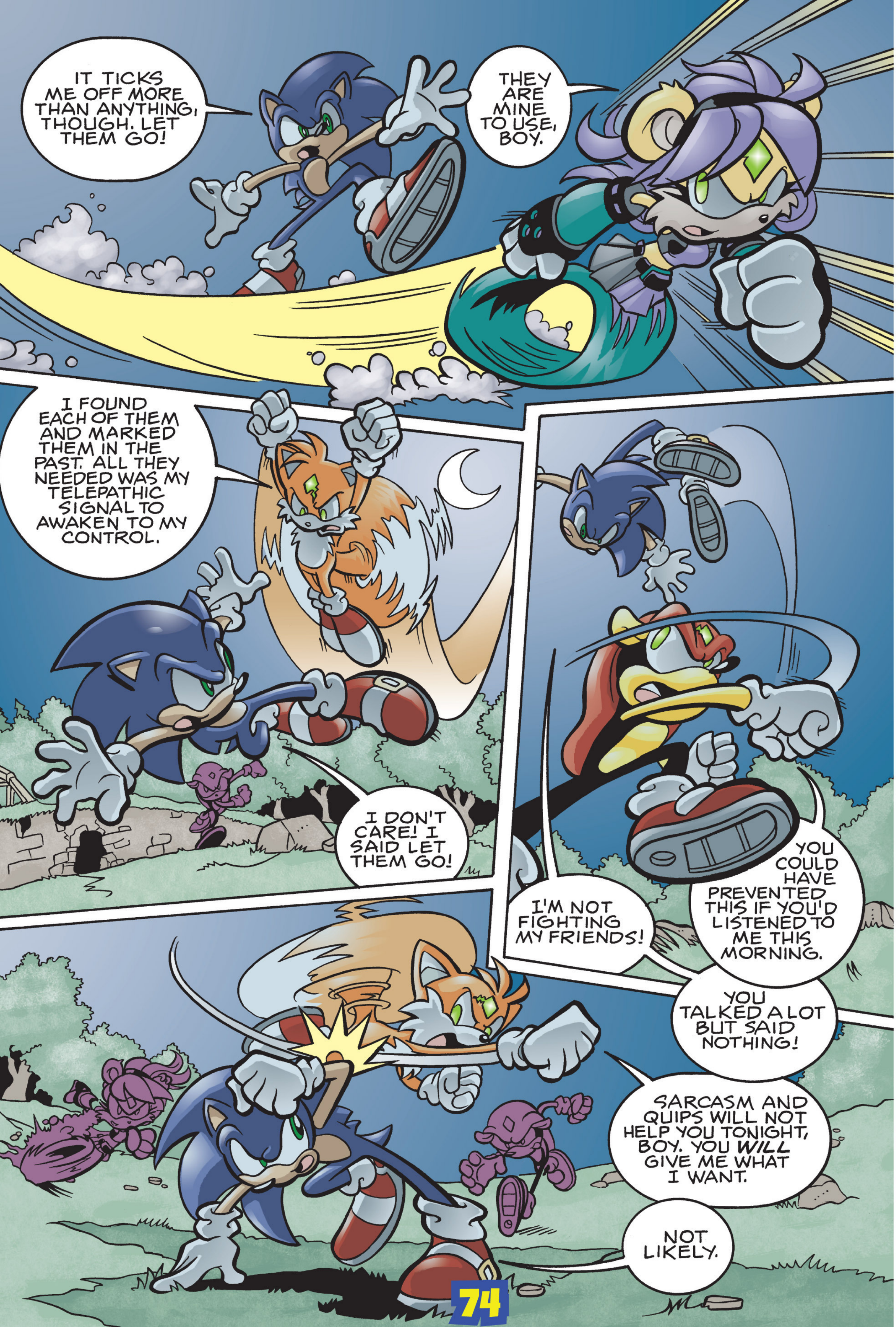
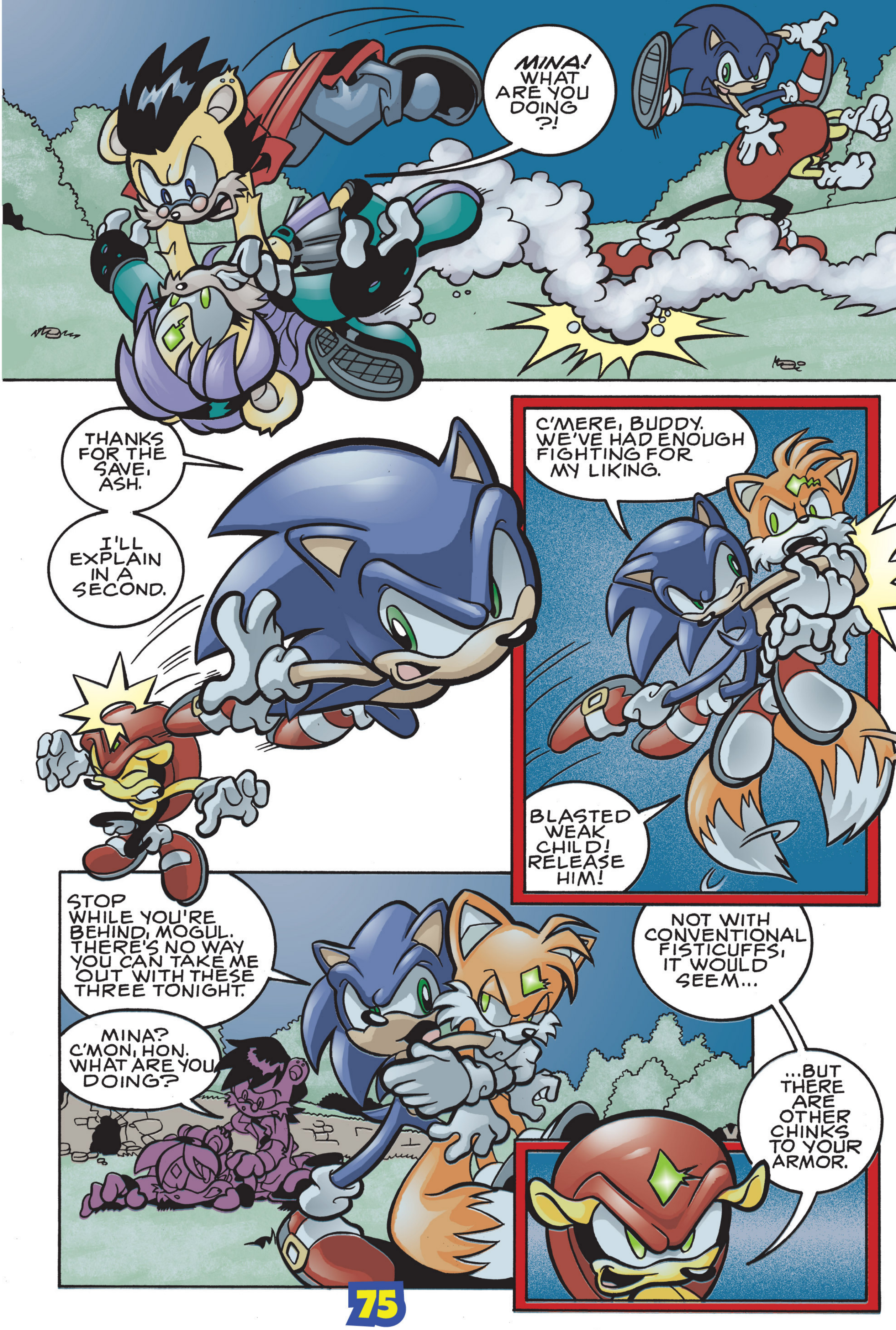
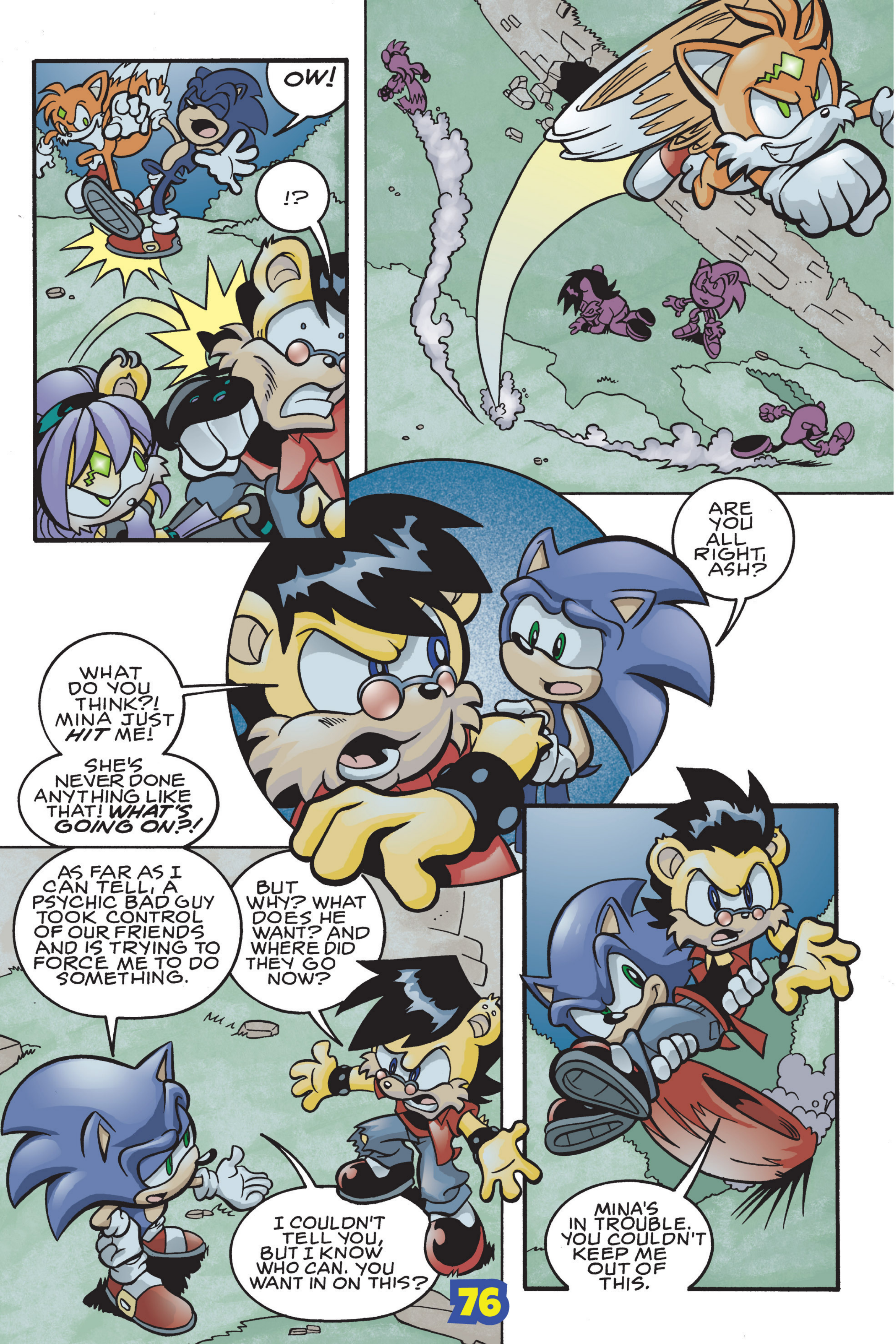
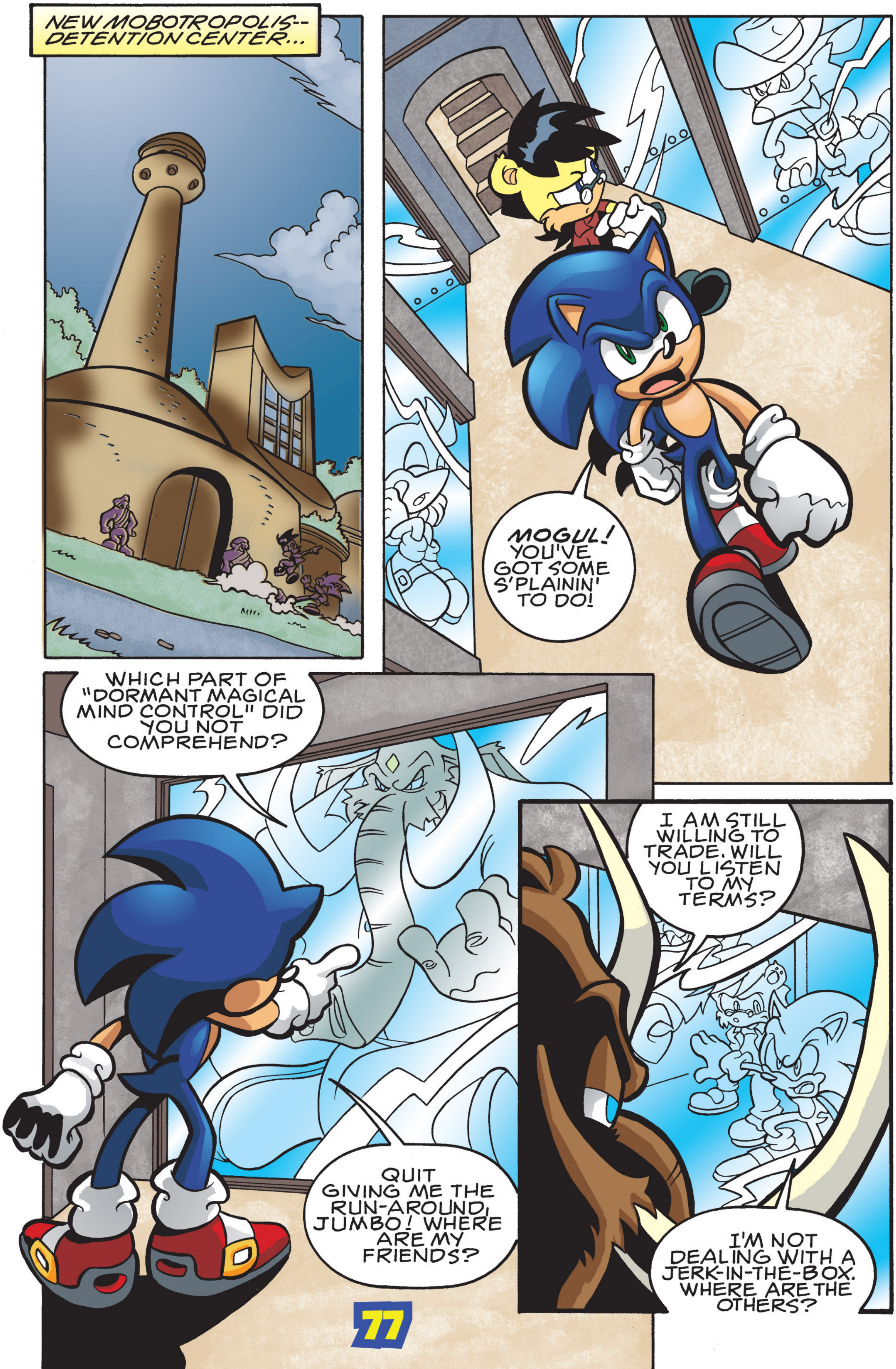
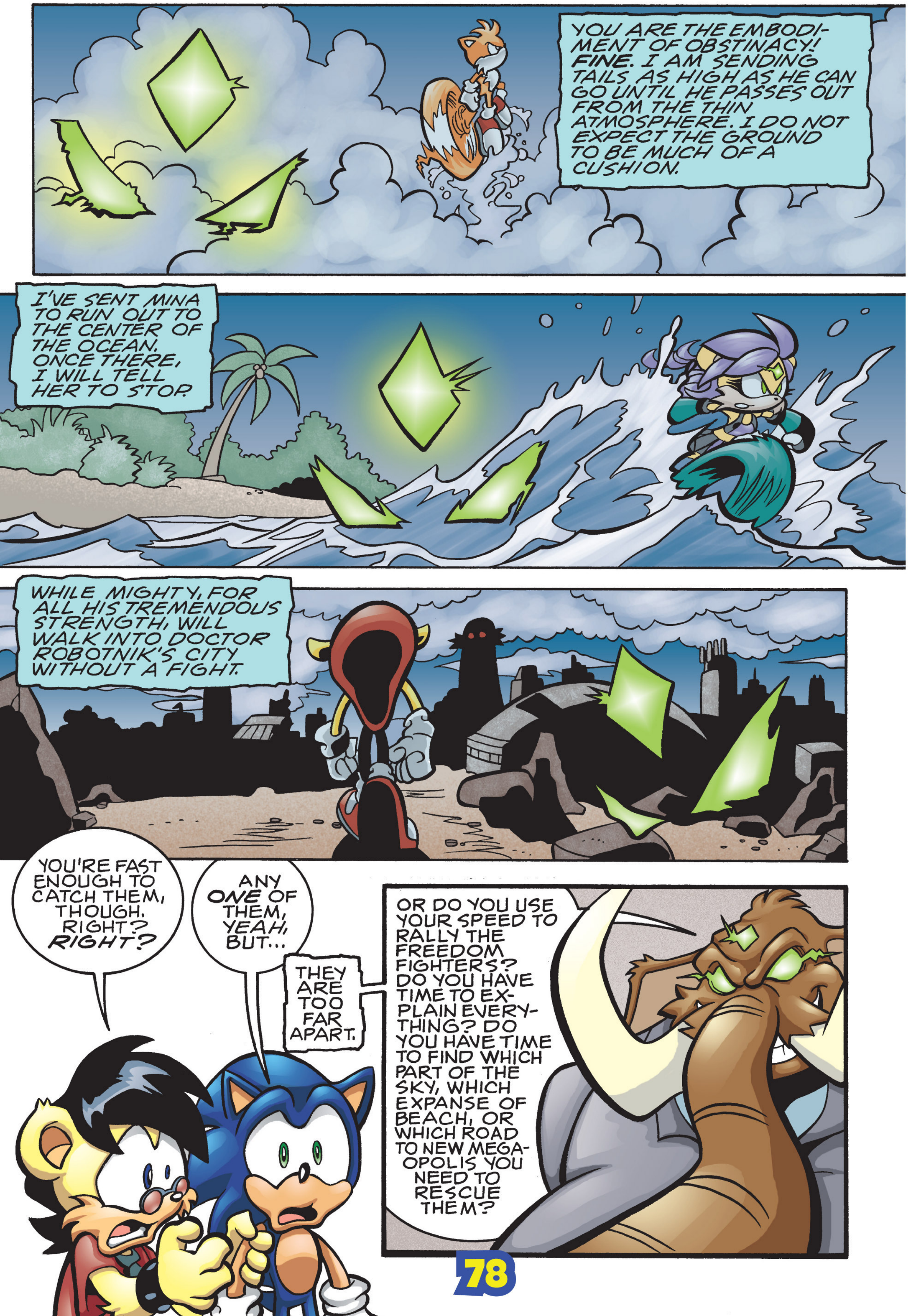

IT TICKS ME OFF MORE THAN ANYTHING, THOUGH. LET THEM GO!
THEY ARE MINE TO USE, BOY.
I FOUND EACH OF THEM AND MARKED THEM IN THE PAST. ALL THEY NEEDED WAS MY TELEPATHIC SIGNAL TO AWAKEN TO MY CONTROL.
I DON'T CARE! I SAID LET THEM GO!
YOU COULD HAVE PREVENTED THIS IF YOU'D LISTENED TO ME THIS MORNING.
I'M NOT FIGHTING MY FRIENDS!
YOU TALKED A LOT BUT SAID NOTHING!
SARCASM AND QUIPS WILL NOT HELP YOU TONIGHT, BOY. YOU *WILL* GIVE ME WHAT I WANT.
NOT LIKELY.


MINA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?!
THANKS FOR THE SAVE, ASH.
I'LL EXPLAIN IN A SECOND.
C'MERE, BUDDY. WE'VE HAD ENOUGH FIGHTING FOR MY LIKING.
BLASTED WEAK CHILD! RELEASE HIM!
STOP WHILE YOU'RE BEHIND, MOGUL. THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN TAKE ME OUT WITH THESE THREE TONIGHT.
MINA? C'MON, HON. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
NOT WITH CONVENTIONAL FISTICUFFS, IT WOULD SEEM...
...BUT THERE ARE OTHER CHINKS TO YOUR ARMOR.


OW!
!?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, ASH?
WHAT DO YOU THINK?! MINA JUST *HIT* ME!
SHE'S NEVER DONE ANYTHING LIKE THAT! ***WHAT'S GOING ON?!***
AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, A PSYCHIC BAD GUY TOOK CONTROL OF OUR FRIENDS AND IS TRYING TO FORCE ME TO DO SOMETHING.
BUT WHY? WHAT DOES HE WANT? AND WHERE DID THEY GO NOW?
I COULDN'T TELL YOU, BUT I KNOW WHO CAN. YOU WANT IN ON THIS?
MINA'S IN TROUBLE. YOU COULDN'T KEEP ME OUT OF THIS.


NEW MOBOTROPOLIS-- DETENTION CENTER...
MOGUL! YOU'VE GOT SOME S'PLAININ' TO DO!
WHICH PART OF "DORMANT MAGICAL MIND CONTROL" DID YOU NOT COMPREHEND?
QUIT GIVING ME THE RUN-AROUND, JUMBO! WHERE ARE MY FRIENDS?
I AM STILL WILLING TO TRADE. WILL YOU LISTEN TO MY TERMS?
I'M NOT DEALING WITH A JERK-IN-THE-BOX. WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?


YOU ARE THE EMBODIMENT OF OBSTINACY! **FINE.** I AM SENDING TAILS AS HIGH AS HE CAN GO UNTIL HE PASSES OUT FROM THE THIN ATMOSPHERE. I DO NOT EXPECT THE GROUND TO BE MUCH OF A CUSHION.
I'VE SENT MINA TO RUN OUT TO THE CENTER OF THE OCEAN. ONCE THERE, I WILL TELL HER TO STOP.
WHILE MIGHTY, FOR ALL HIS TREMENDOUS STRENGTH, WILL WALK INTO DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S CITY WITHOUT A FIGHT.
YOU'RE FAST ENOUGH TO CATCH THEM, THOUGH. RIGHT? ***RIGHT?***
ANY ***ONE*** OF THEM, *YEAH,* BUT...
THEY ARE TOO FAR APART.
OR DO YOU USE YOUR SPEED TO RALLY THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS? DO YOU HAVE TIME TO EXPLAIN EVERYTHING? DO YOU HAVE TIME TO FIND WHICH PART OF THE SKY, WHICH EXPANSE OF BEACH, OR WHICH ROAD TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS YOU NEED TO RESCUE THEM?

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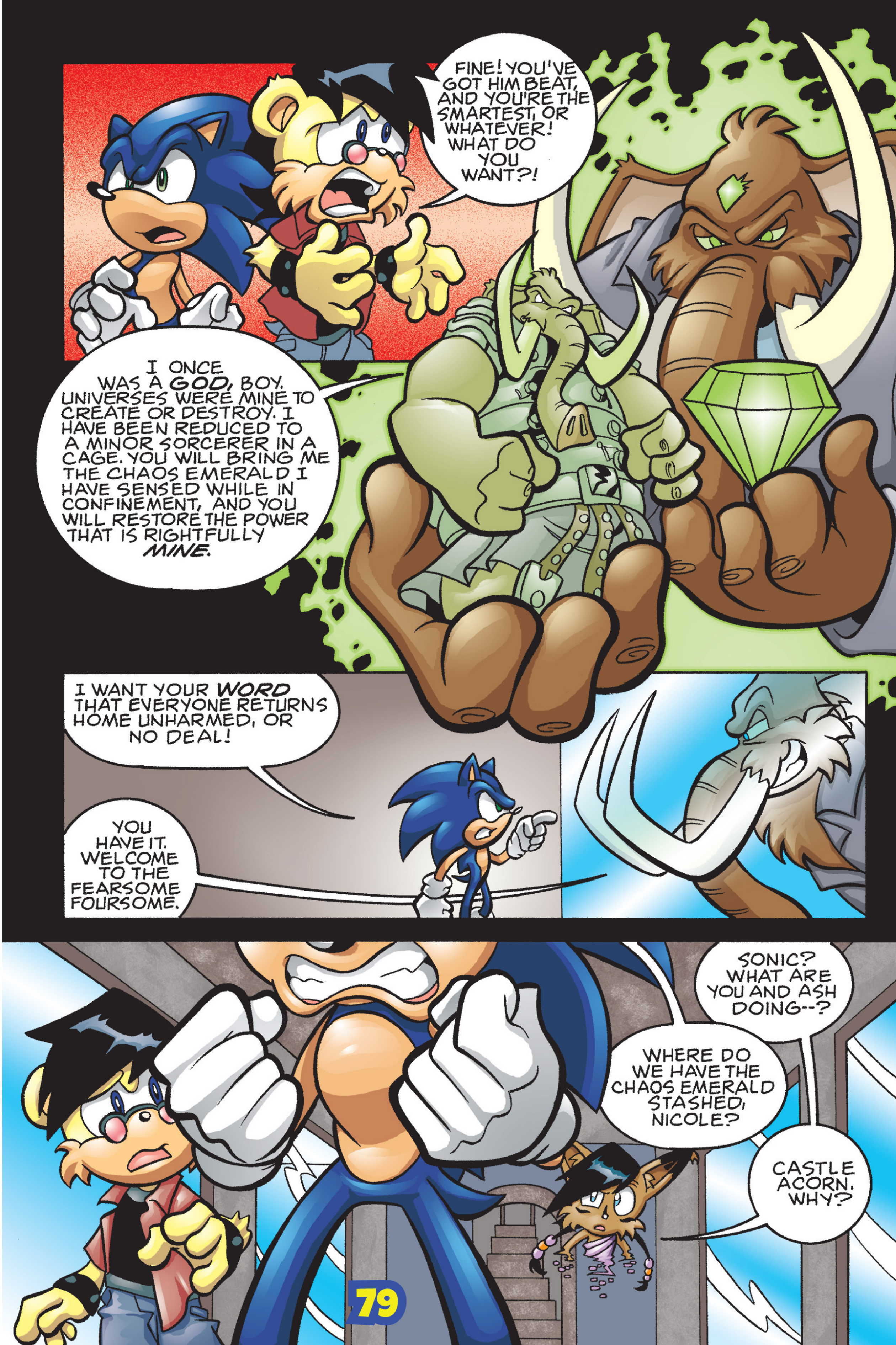
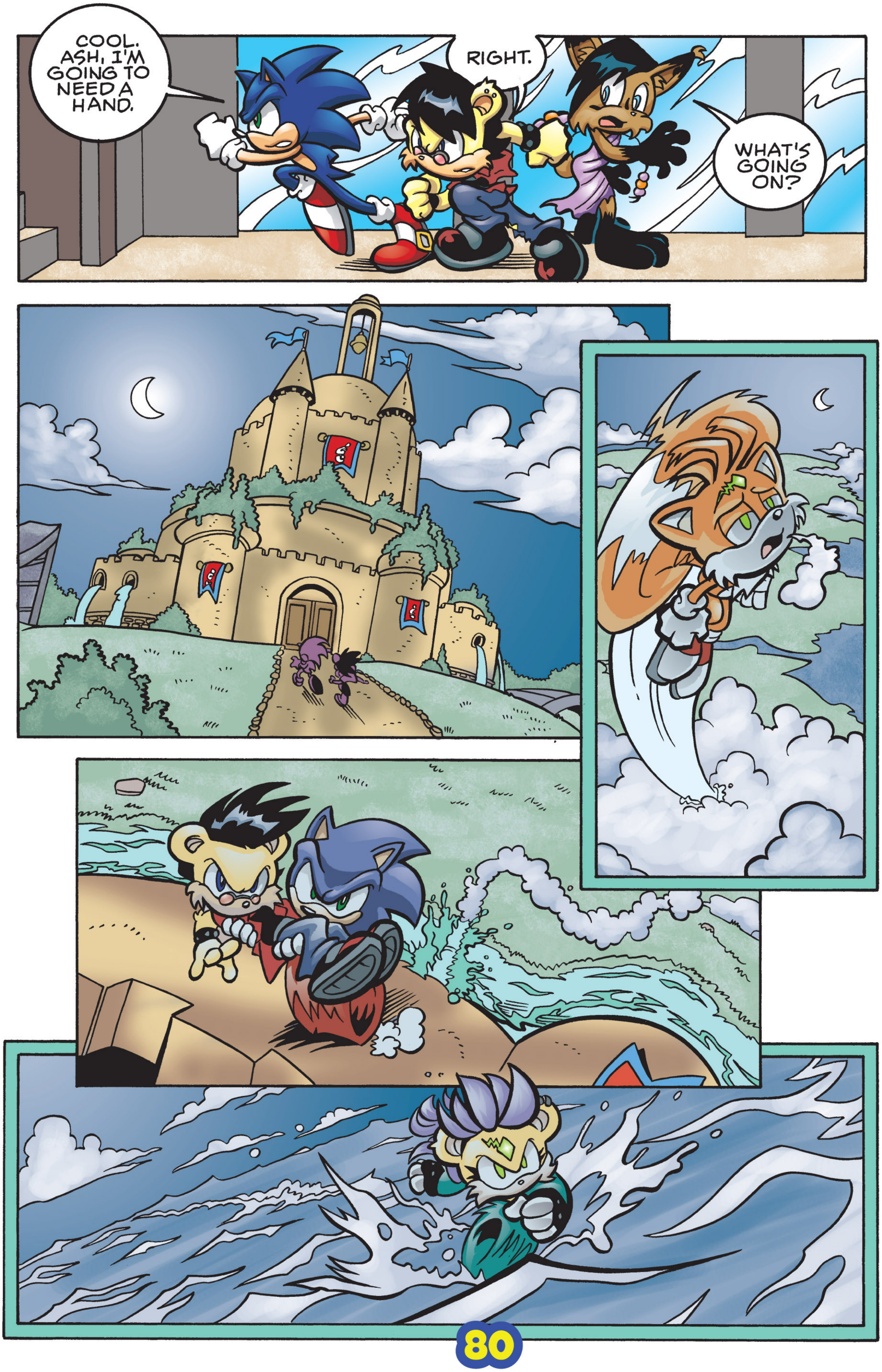
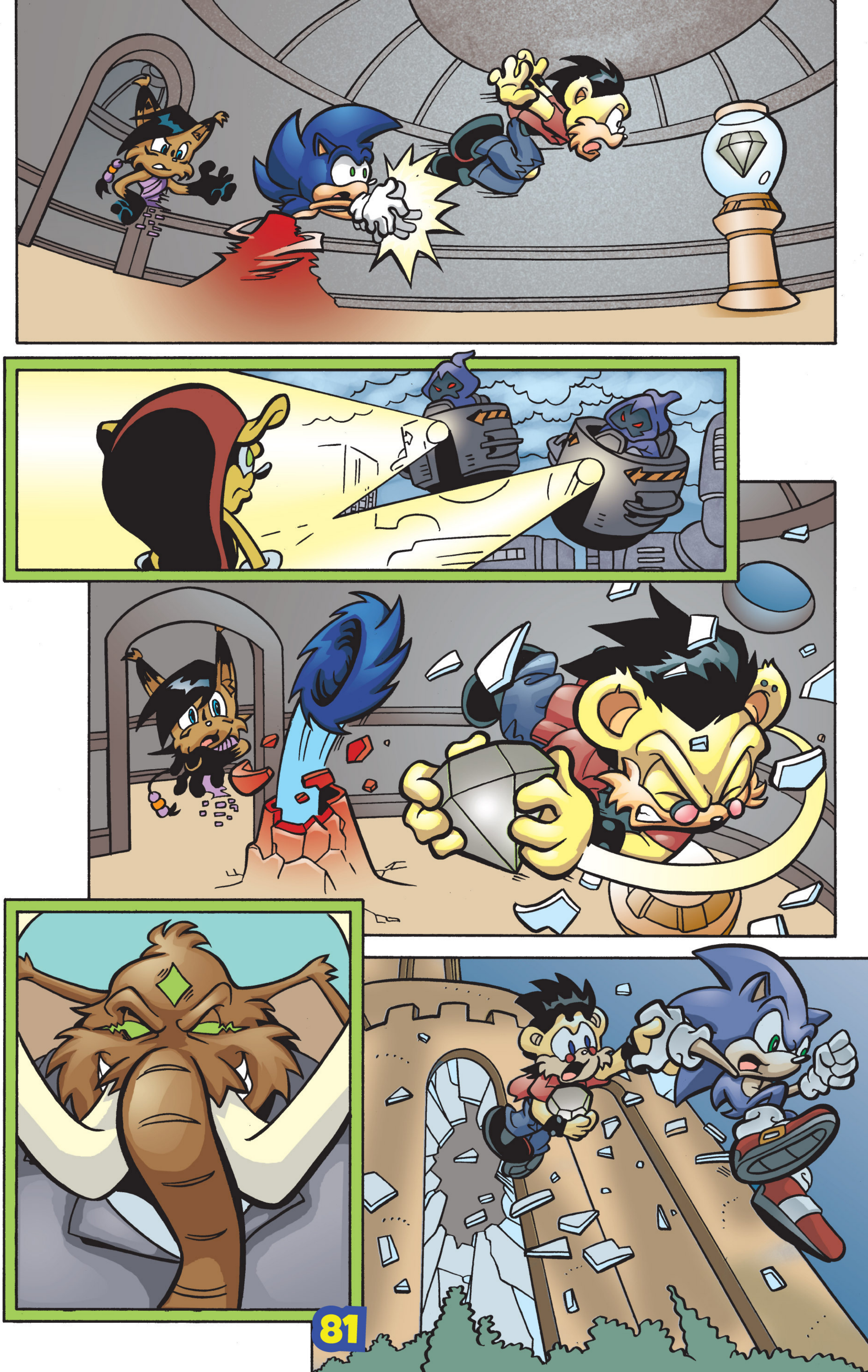
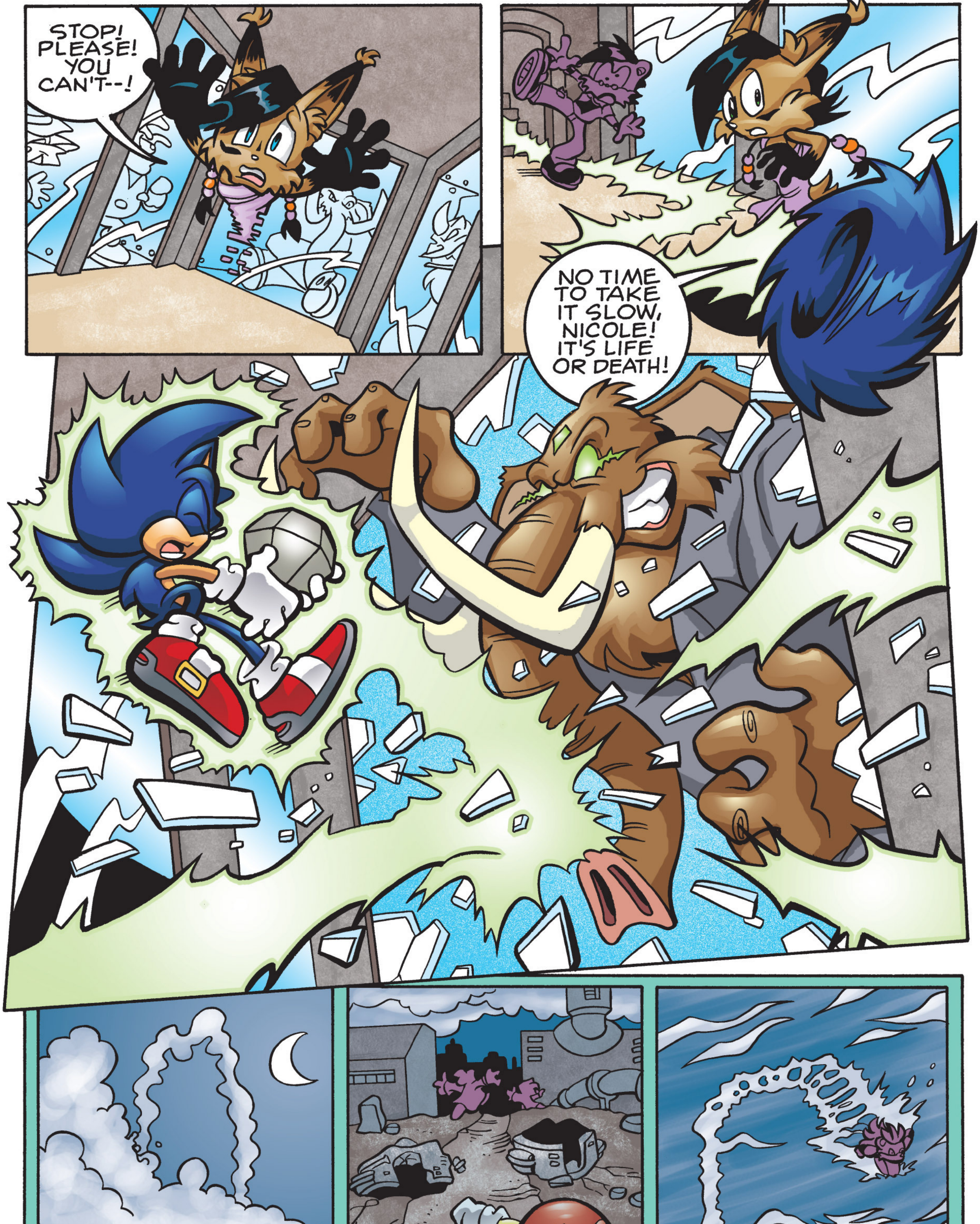
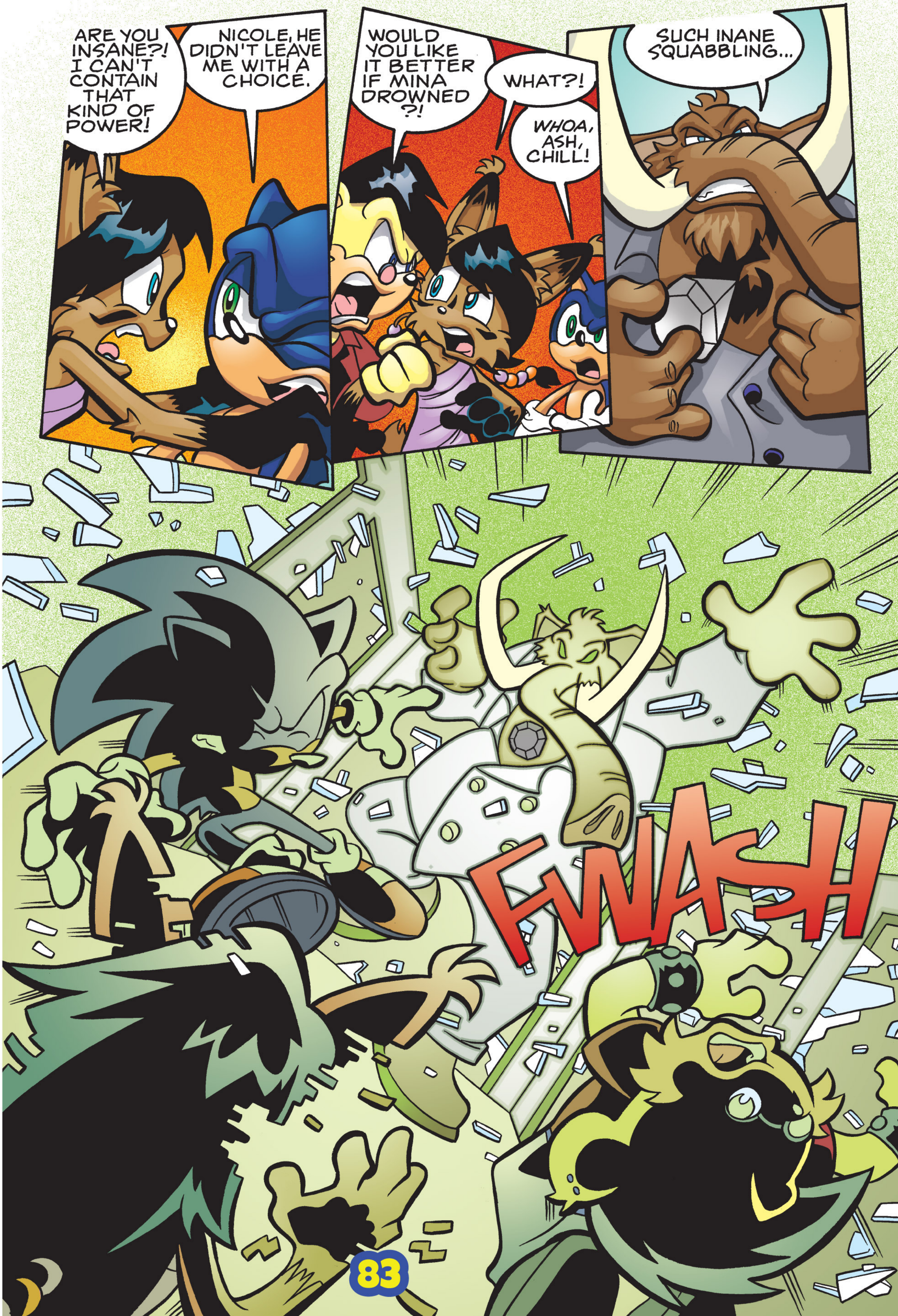
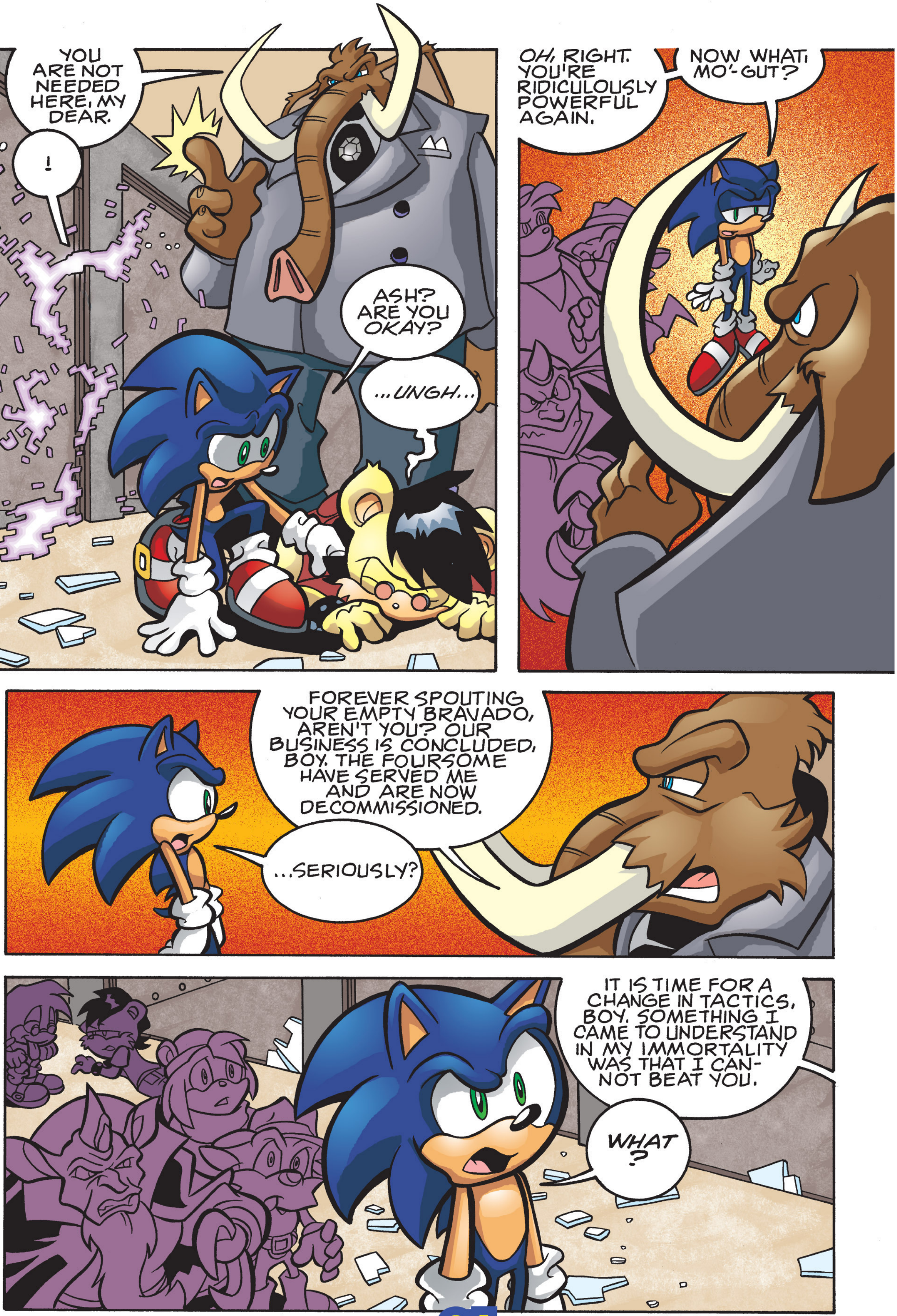

FINE! YOU'VE GOT HIM BEAT, AND YOU'RE THE SMARTEST, OR WHATEVER! WHAT DO YOU WANT?!
I ONCE WAS A **GOD,** BOY. UNIVERSES WERE MINE TO CREATE OR DESTROY. I HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO A MINOR SORCERER IN A CAGE. YOU WILL BRING ME THE CHAOS EMERALD I HAVE SENSED WHILE IN CONFINEMENT, AND YOU WILL RESTORE THE POWER THAT IS RIGHTFULLY ***MINE.***
I WANT YOUR ***WORD*** THAT EVERYONE RETURNS HOME UNHARMED, OR NO DEAL!
YOU HAVE IT. WELCOME TO THE FEARSOME FOURSOME.
SONIC? WHAT ARE YOU AND ASH DOING--?
WHERE DO WE HAVE THE CHAOS EMERALD STASHED, NICOLE?
CASTLE ACORN. WHY?

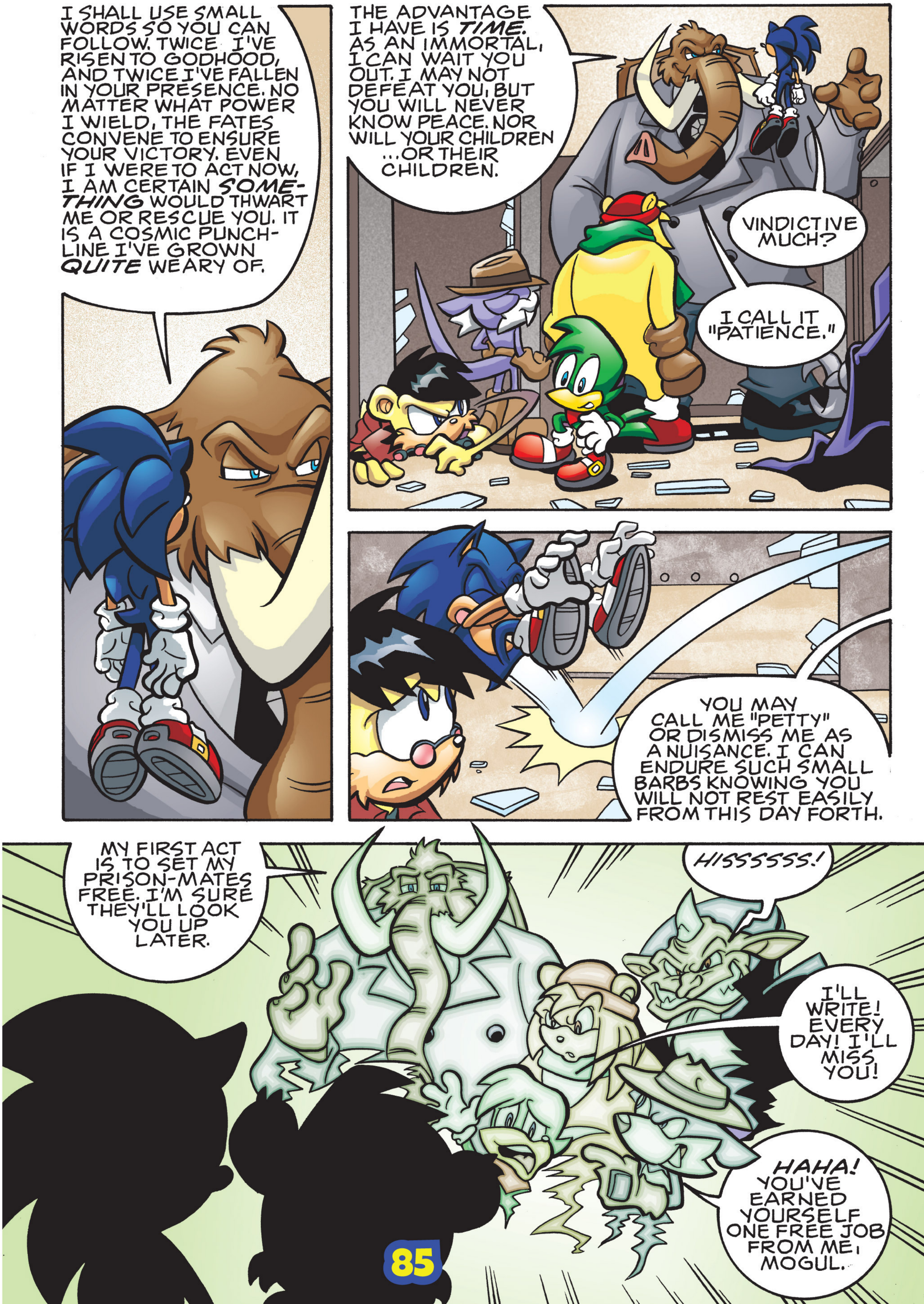

COOL. ASH, I'M GOING TO NEED A HAND.
RIGHT.
WHAT'S GOING ON?

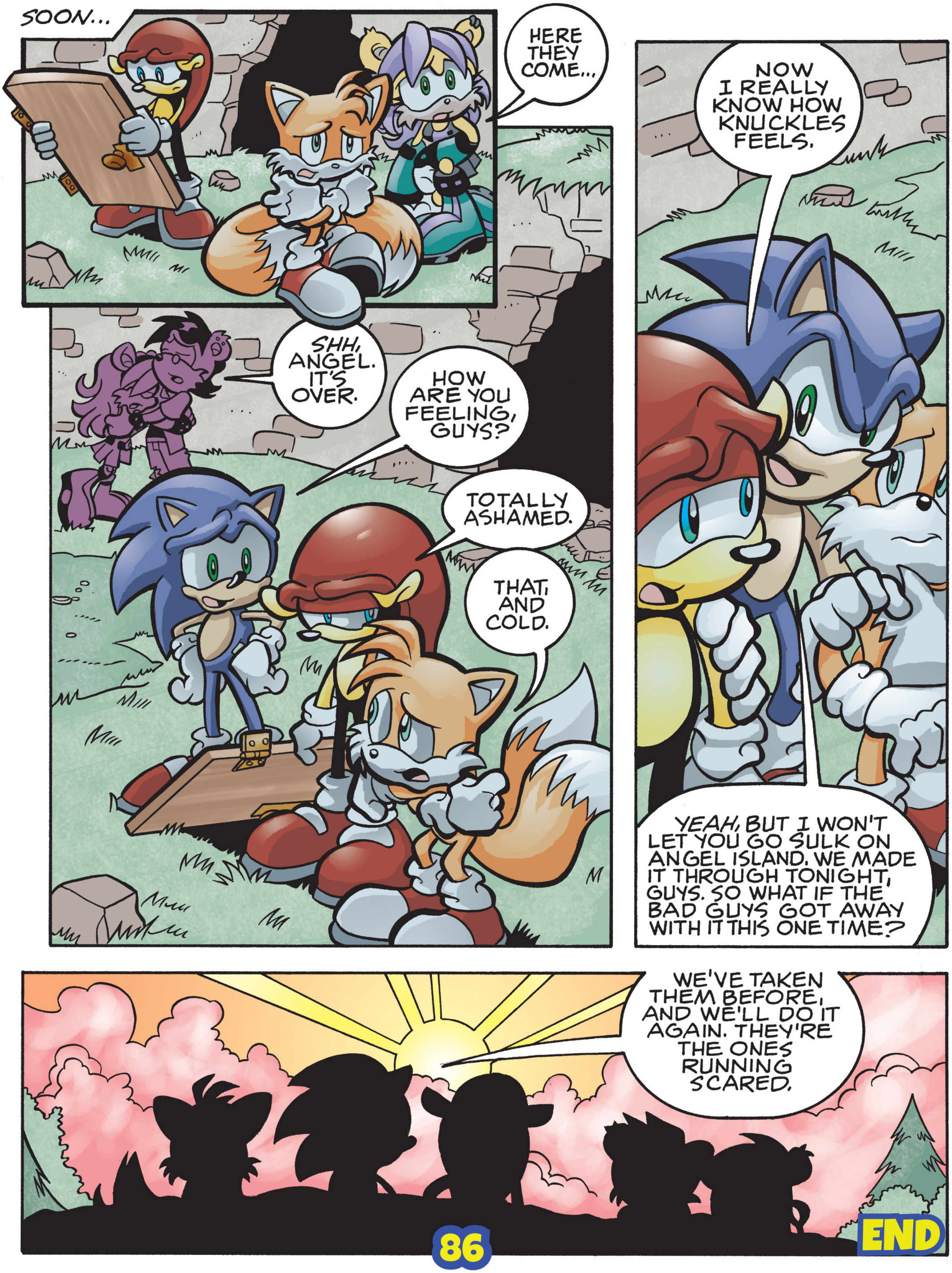



STOP! PLEASE! YOU CAN'T--!
NO TIME TO TAKE IT SLOW, NICOLE! IT'S LIFE OR DEATH!


ARE YOU INSANE?! I CAN'T CONTAIN THAT KIND OF POWER!
NICOLE, HE DIDN'T LEAVE ME WITH A CHOICE.
WOULD YOU LIKE IT BETTER IF MINA DROWNED?!
WHAT?!
WHOA, ASH, CHILL!
SUCH INANE SQUABBLING...
FWASH


YOU ARE NOT NEEDED HERE, MY DEAR.
!
ASH? ARE YOU OKAY?
...UNGH...
OH, RIGHT. YOU'RE RIDICULOUSLY POWERFUL AGAIN.
NOW WHAT, MO'-GUT?
FOREVER SPOUTING YOUR EMPTY BRAVADO, AREN'T YOU? OUR BUSINESS IS CONCLUDED, BOY. THE FOURSOME HAVE SERVED ME AND ARE NOW DECOMMISSIONED.
...SERIOUSLY?
IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE IN TACTICS, BOY. SOMETHING I CAME TO UNDERSTAND IN MY IMMORTALITY WAS THAT I CAN-NOT BEAT YOU.
WHAT?


I SHALL USE SMALL WORDS SO YOU CAN FOLLOW. TWICE I'VE RISEN TO GODHOOD, AND TWICE I'VE FALLEN IN YOUR PRESENCE. NO MATTER WHAT POWER I WIELD, THE FATES CONVENE TO ENSURE YOUR VICTORY. EVEN IF I WERE TO ACT NOW, I AM CERTAIN *SOMETHING* WOULD THWART ME OR RESCUE YOU. IT IS A COSMIC PUNCHLINE I'VE GROWN *QUITE* WEARY OF.
THE ADVANTAGE I HAVE IS *TIME.* AS AN IMMORTAL, I CAN WAIT YOU OUT. I MAY NOT DEFEAT YOU, BUT YOU WILL NEVER KNOW PEACE. NOR WILL YOUR CHILDREN ...OR THEIR CHILDREN.
VINDICTIVE MUCH?
I CALL IT "PATIENCE."
YOU MAY CALL ME "PETTY" OR DISMISS ME AS A NUISANCE. I CAN ENDURE SUCH SMALL BARBS KNOWING YOU WILL NOT REST EASILY FROM THIS DAY FORTH.
MY FIRST ACT IS TO SET MY PRISON-MATES FREE. I'M SURE THEY'LL LOOK YOU UP LATER.
HISSSSSS!
I'LL WRITE! EVERY DAY! I'LL MISS YOU!
HAHA! YOU'VE EARNED YOURSELF ONE FREE JOB FROM ME, MOGUL.


SOON...
HERE THEY COME...
SHH, ANGEL. IT'S OVER.
HOW ARE YOU FEELING, GUYS?
TOTALLY ASHAMED.
THAT, AND COLD.
NOW I REALLY KNOW HOW KNUCKLES FEELS.
YEAH, BUT I WON'T LET YOU GO SULK ON ANGEL ISLAND. WE MADE IT THROUGH TONIGHT, GUYS. SO WHAT IF THE BAD GUYS GOT AWAY WITH IT THIS ONE TIME?
WE'VE TAKEN THEM BEFORE, AND WE'LL DO IT AGAIN. THEY'RE THE ONES RUNNING SCARED.
END

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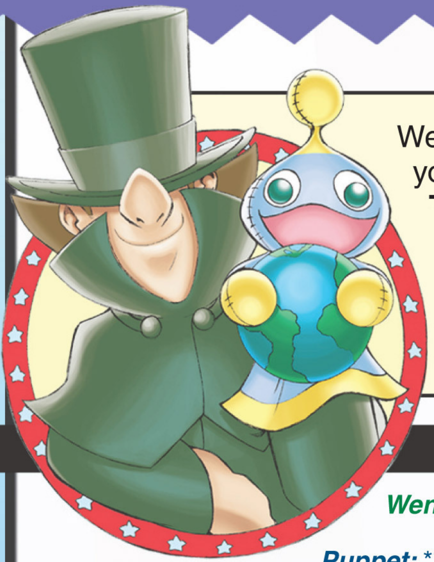

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Today's Episode: ANGEL ISLAND

Wentos: Puppet! Look! Up in the sky!

Puppet: **flail** *Is-a bird! Is-a plane!!* ***Is-a frog?!***

Wentos: Not bird, nor plane or even frog. It's **Angel Island**, you polliwog.

Puppet: Hey, you! I'm-a no silly, willy polliwoggle froggie! I'm-a the handsome chao puppet! The most handsomingest chao puppet there-a is. ¿Si?

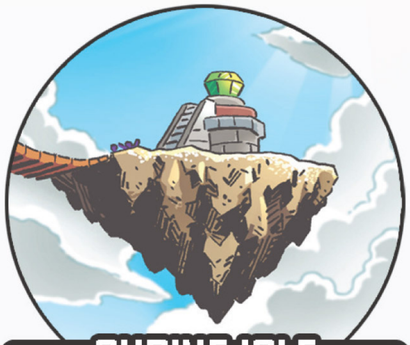
Wentos: No. No mas. That ... that is distressing. Now I am distressed. No, sir. I do not like it.

Puppet: *Hmf.* You don't-a like ANYTHING, you wise-a guy.

Wentos: I like you! You're pretty fun when you're not being weird.

Puppet: Wentos, you-a talk-a to the puppets. You can't-a call ***anybody*** weird!

Wentos: Touché. So, Puppet -- today our **Sonic Super Digest** readers want to learn about --



SHRINE ISLE

Home to the Master Emerald

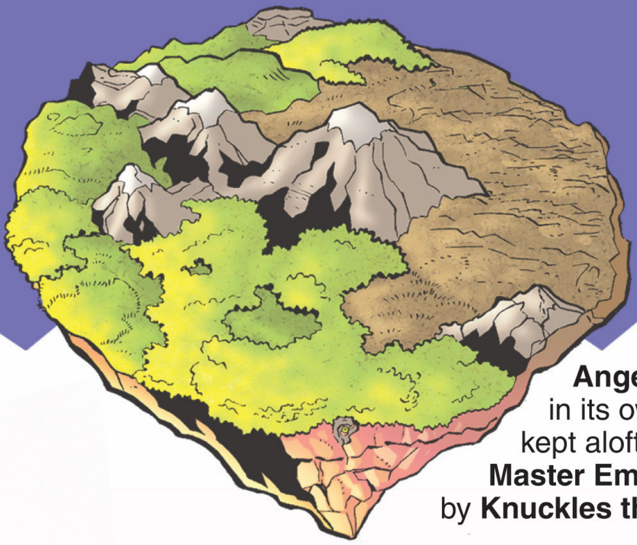
Puppet: **Angel Island!** Formerly known as the **Floating Island** and-a currently home to **Knuckles the Echidna** and-a his pals **Team Chaotix**!

Wentos: And ... no frogs? Not even a moo cow?

Puppet: Not a frog or a moo cow -- or *any* other echidnas but Knuckles -- in-a sight.

Wentos: How "udderly ribbiting." I "echidna" you not! Oooohohoho!

***Puppet:* Just-a read-a the profile, you-a silly-a goose!**



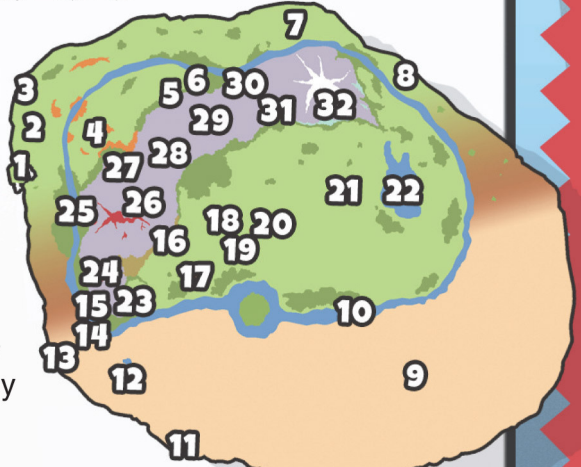
SONIC'S UNIVERSE:

ANGEL ISLAND

Angel Island has flown high above the planet in its own slow orbit for countless years. It is kept aloft only by the energies of the mysterious **Master Emerald** -- a giant chaos emerald guarded by **Knuckles the Echidna**.

Many years ago, the ancient Echidnas mysteriously vanished. Any remaining pockets were either destroyed by **Doctor Eggman** or banished by **Thrash the Tasmanian Devil**. Now, only Knuckles remains as the last living Echidna in the world, guardian of a doomed legacy. Together, he and his friends **Team Chaotix** (with occasional help from Sonic the Hedgehog) stand as the island's only line of defense against the **Eggman Empire**.

Angel Island, despite the chaos, remains pristine and beautiful. The **Dragon Spine Mountains** rise through its middle, and the **Eternal River** winds its way in a ring around the isle. The **Marble Gardens** glisten in the jungles, while redwoods and giant fungi dominate the **Mushroom Hills**. The **Sandopolis Desert** consumes almost half of the island and hides many secrets with small pockets of scattered life around the **Azure Lake Oasis**. Knuckles and the Chaotix keep watch over the **Master Emerald**, which now keeps the entire island aloft from its perch on tiny **Shrine Isle**. Meanwhile, the **Hidden Palace** and **Hydro City** rest deep in the heart of the island, holding many strange and unsolved mysteries.

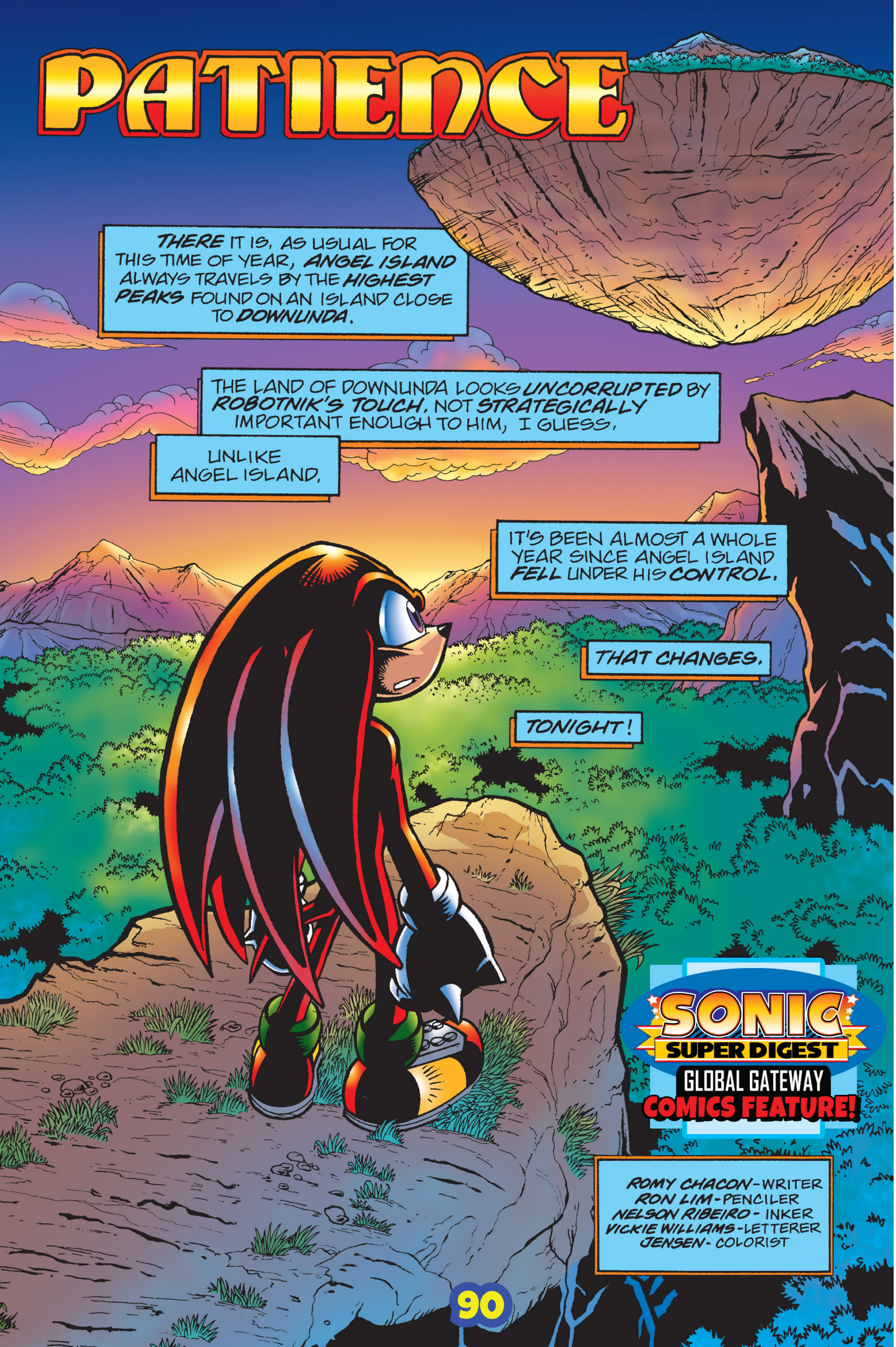


LEGEND:

First Appearance: Sonic the Hedgehog #13

- **01) Shrine Island**: Master Emerald's Roost
- **02) Launch Base**: Old Dr. Robotnik Base
- **03) Strawberry Stretch**: Charmy's Place
- **04) Mushroom Hill**: Fungi-Infested Forest
- **05) Hydro City**: Abandoned Underwater City
- **06) Isolated Island**: Vector's Digs
- **07) Carnival Night**: Empty Theme Park
- **08) Royal Compound**: Acorn Summer Home
- **09) Sandopolis Desert**: Desert Expanse
- **10) Eternal River**: Winding Water Source
- **11) Tasmanian Ruins**: Creepy Colony
- **12) Azure Lake Oasis**: Fresh Water Hole
- **13) Sky Canyon**: Ruined Refuge Entrance
- **14) Ruined Refuge**: Destroyed Base
- **15) Desert Palace**: Old Conservatory
- **16) Molten Mounds**: Dead Colonies
- **17) Botanic Base**: Espio's Home
- **18) Knuckles' Lookout**: Guardians' Home
- **19) City Ruins**: Destroyed Echidna City
- **20) Endless Mine**: Abandoned Strip Mine
- **21) Chrome Gadget**: Old Eggman Base
- **22) Lake Ness**: Fishin' Hole
- **23) Pumpkin Hills**: Crumbled Mtns.
- **24) Marble Garden**: Overgrown Ruins
- **25) Rock Hill**: Mighty and Ray's Home
- **26) Lava Reef**: Death Egg Landing Site
- **27) Red Mountain**: Fiery Mountaintops
- **28) Mount Osohai**: The Highest Peak
- **29) Hidden Palace**: The Lost City
- **30) Mt. Thunder**: Stormy Mountaintops
- **31) Sky Sanctuary**: Sacred Ruins
- **32) Ice Cap**: Frozen Mountaintops

PATIENCE


THERE IT IS, AS USUAL FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR, ANGEL ISLAND ALWAYS TRAVELS BY THE HIGHEST PEAKS FOUND ON AN ISLAND CLOSE TO DOWNUNDA.
THE LAND OF DOWNUNDA LOOKS UNCORRUPTED BY ROBOTNIK'S TOUCH. NOT STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO HIM, I GUESS.
UNLIKE ANGEL ISLAND.
IT'S BEEN ALMOST A WHOLE YEAR SINCE ANGEL ISLAND FELL UNDER HIS CONTROL.
THAT CHANGES.
TONIGHT!
SONIC SUPER DIGEST
GLOBAL GATEWAY COMICS FEATURE!

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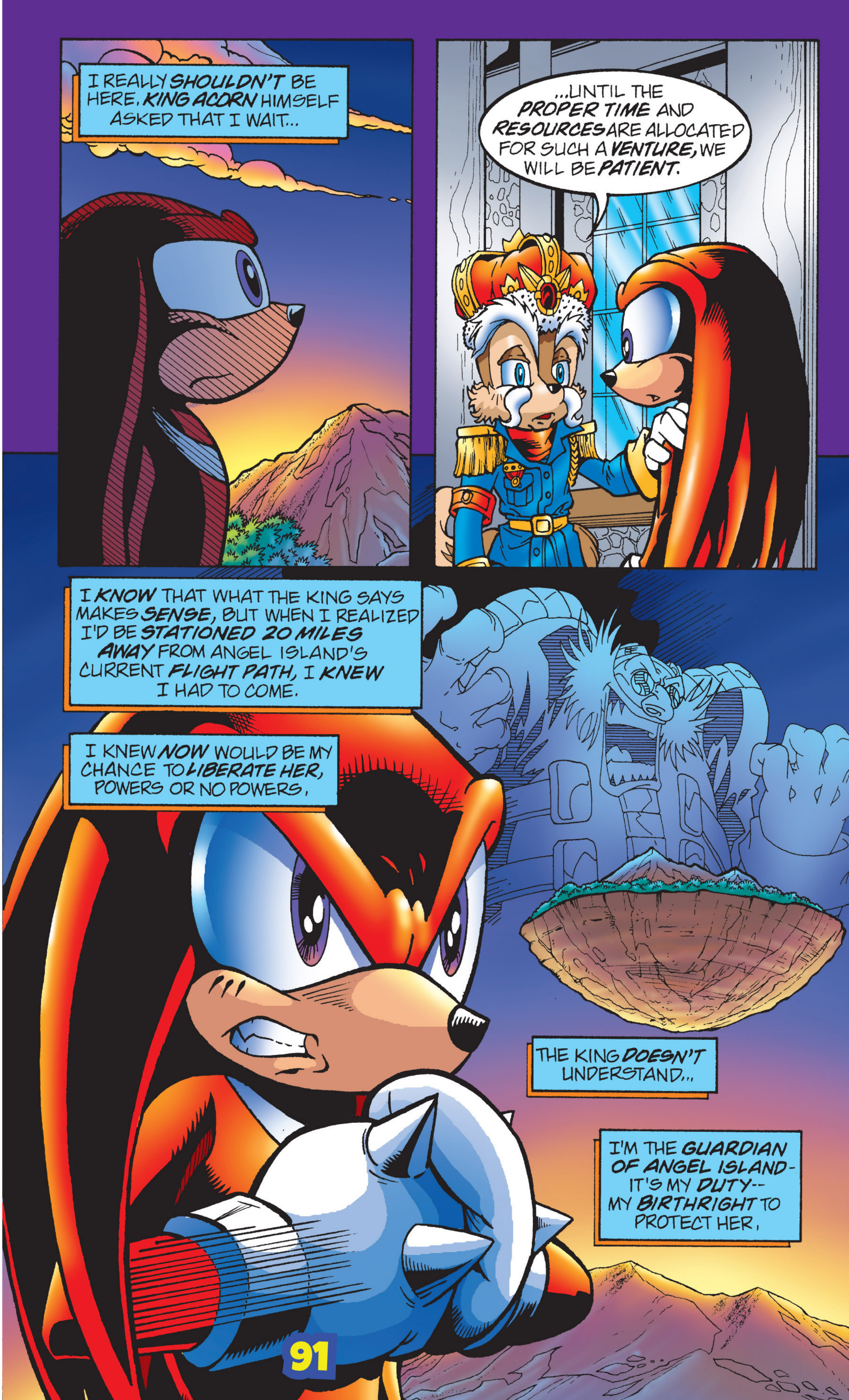
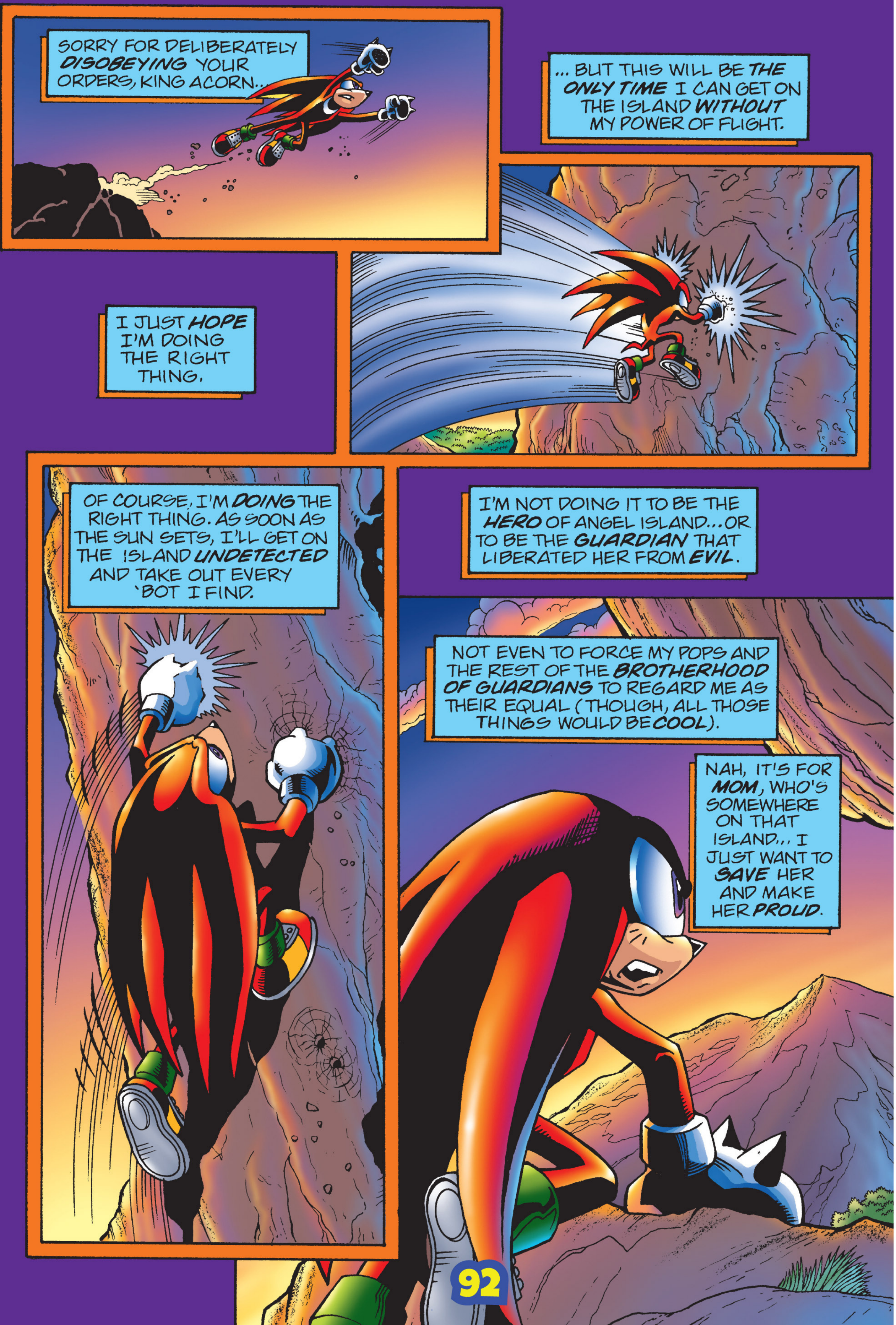
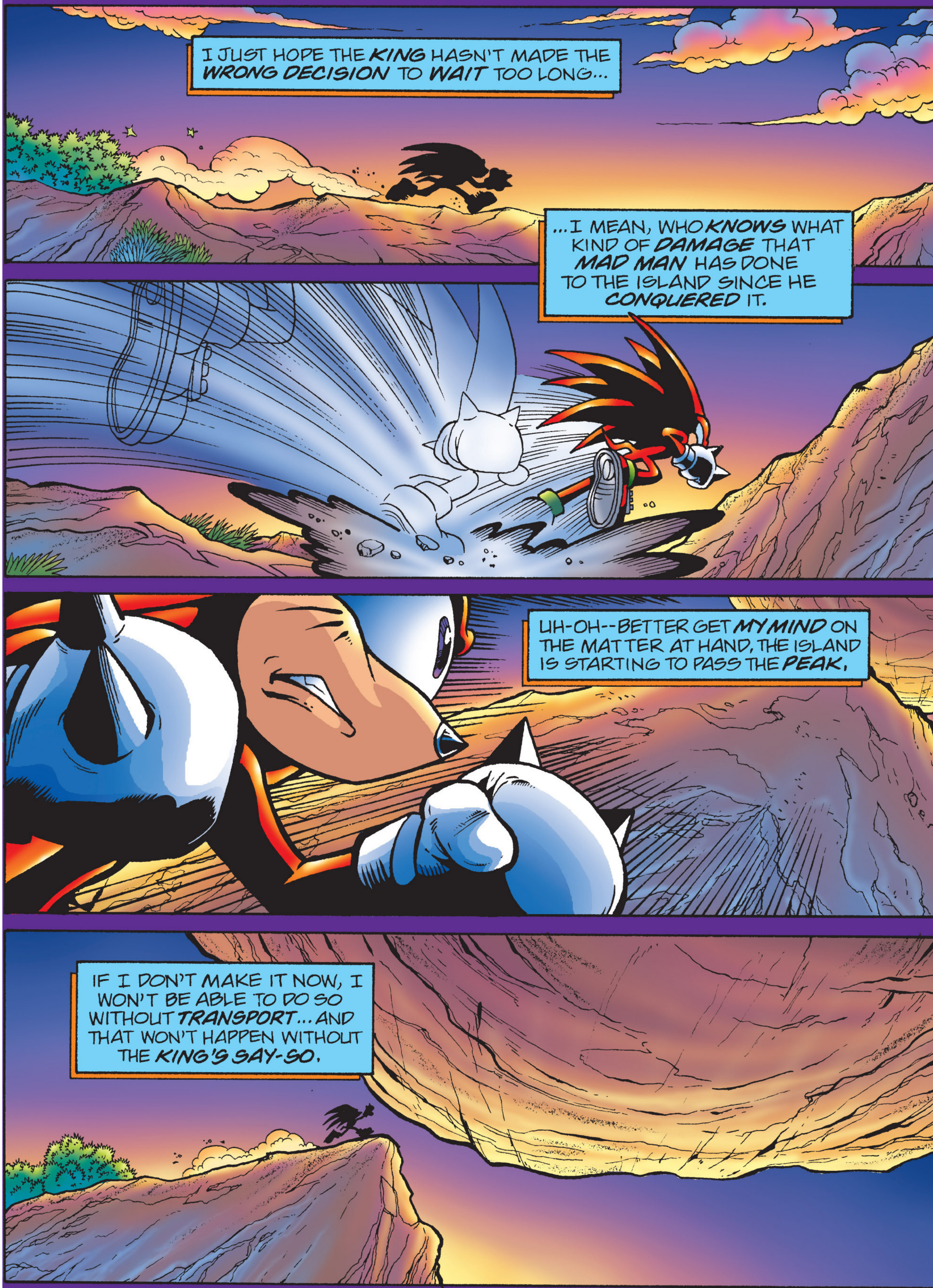
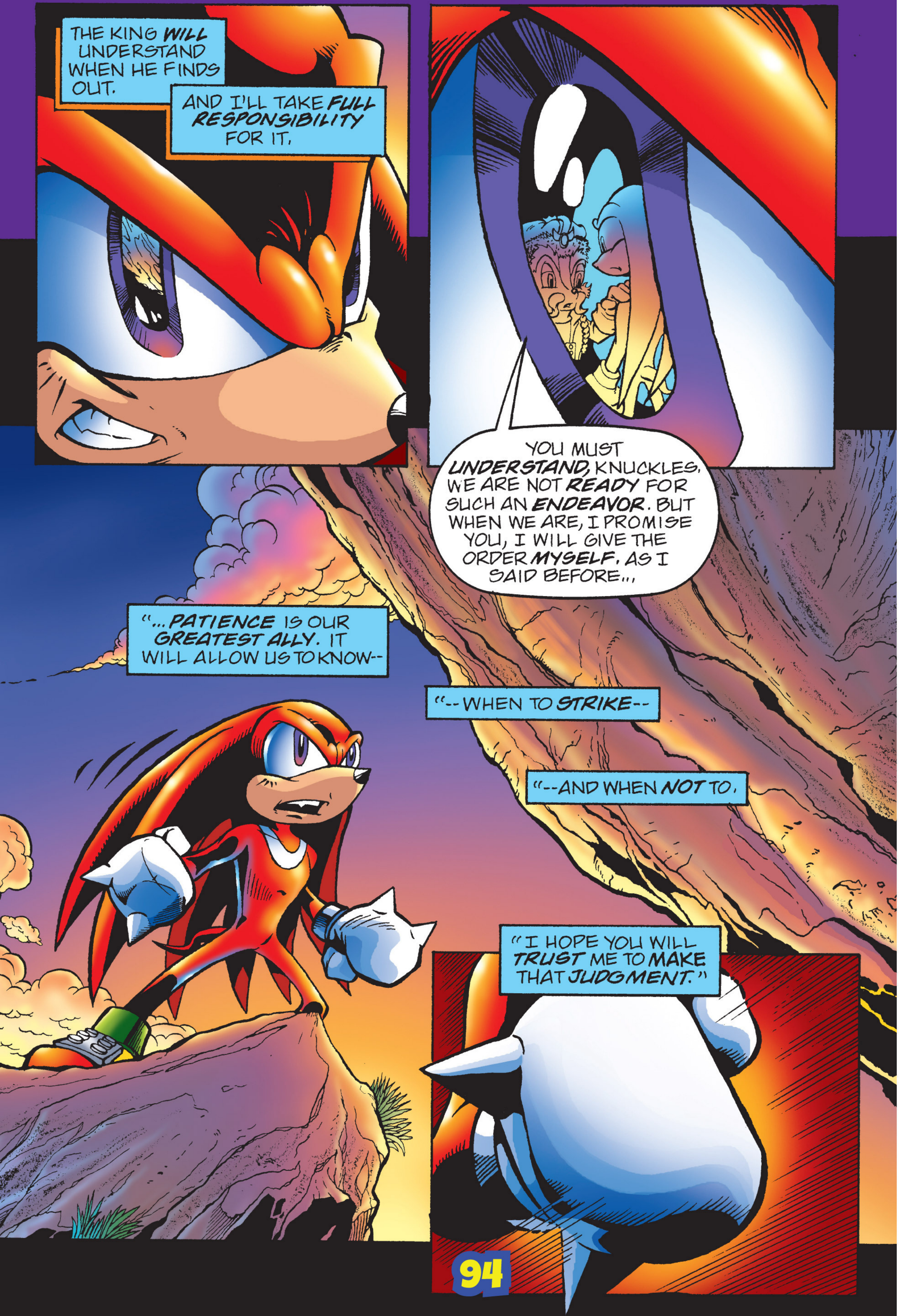
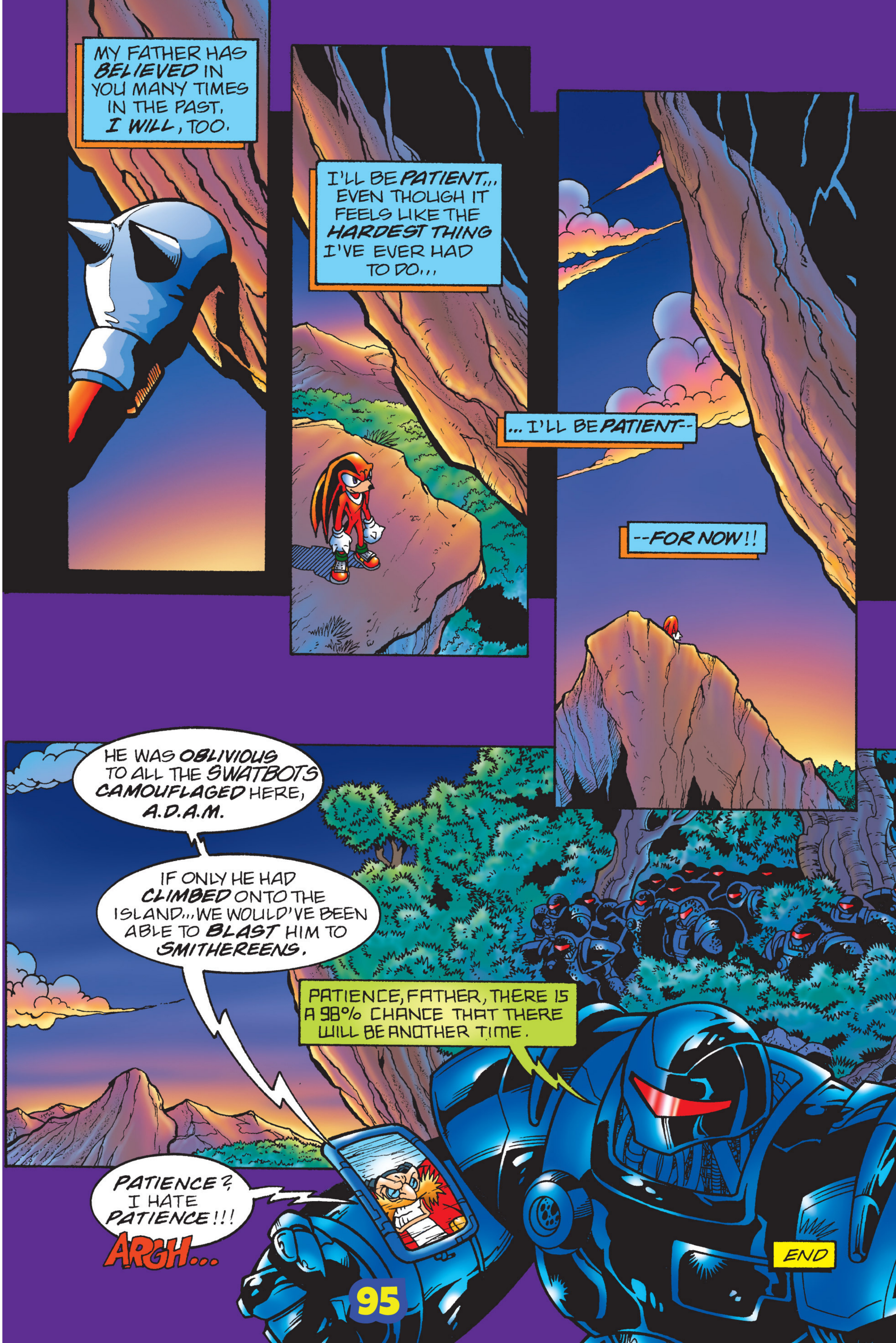

I REALLY *SHOULDN'T* BE HERE. *KING ACORN* HIMSELF ASKED THAT I WAIT...
...UNTIL THE *PROPER TIME* AND *RESOURCES* ARE ALLOCATED FOR SUCH A *VENTURE,* WE WILL BE *PATIENT.*
I *KNOW* THAT WHAT THE KING SAYS MAKES *SENSE,* BUT WHEN I REALIZED I'D BE *STATIONED 20 MILES AWAY* FROM ANGEL ISLAND'S CURRENT *FLIGHT PATH,* I *KNEW* I HAD TO COME.
I KNEW *NOW* WOULD BE MY CHANCE TO *LIBERATE HER,* POWERS OR NO POWERS.
THE KING *DOESN'T* UNDERSTAND...
I'M THE *GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND*-IT'S MY *DUTY*--MY *BIRTHRIGHT* TO PROTECT HER.


SORRY FOR DELIBERATELY **DISOBEYING** YOUR ORDERS, KING ACORN...
...BUT THIS WILL BE **THE ONLY TIME** I CAN GET ON THE ISLAND **WITHOUT** MY POWER OF FLIGHT.
I JUST **HOPE** I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING.
OF COURSE, I'M **DOING** THE RIGHT THING. AS SOON AS THE SUN SETS, I'LL GET ON THE ISLAND **UNDETECTED** AND TAKE OUT EVERY 'BOT I FIND.
I'M NOT DOING IT TO BE THE **HERO** OF ANGEL ISLAND...OR TO BE THE **GUARDIAN** THAT LIBERATED HER FROM **EVIL**.
NOT EVEN TO FORCE MY POPS AND THE REST OF THE **BROTHERHOOD OF GUARDIANS** TO REGARD ME AS THEIR EQUAL (THOUGH, ALL THOSE THINGS WOULD BE **COOL**).
NAH, IT'S FOR **MOM**, WHO'S SOMEWHERE ON THAT ISLAND... I JUST WANT TO **SAVE** HER AND MAKE HER **PROUD**.


I JUST HOPE THE KING HASN'T MADE THE WRONG DECISION TO WAIT TOO LONG...
...I MEAN, WHO KNOWS WHAT KIND OF DAMAGE THAT MAD MAN HAS DONE TO THE ISLAND SINCE HE CONQUERED IT.
UH-OH--BETTER GET MY MIND ON THE MATTER AT HAND, THE ISLAND IS STARTING TO PASS THE PEAK.
IF I DON'T MAKE IT NOW, I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO SO WITHOUT TRANSPORT... AND THAT WON'T HAPPEN WITHOUT THE KING'S SAY-SO.


THE KING *WILL* UNDERSTAND WHEN HE FINDS OUT.
AND I'LL TAKE *FULL RESPONSIBILITY* FOR IT.
YOU MUST *UNDERSTAND,* KNUCKLES. WE ARE NOT *READY* FOR SUCH AN *ENDEAVOR*. BUT WHEN WE ARE, I PROMISE YOU, I WILL GIVE THE ORDER *MYSELF*. AS I SAID BEFORE...
"...*PATIENCE* IS OUR *GREATEST ALLY*. IT WILL ALLOW US TO KNOW--
"--WHEN TO *STRIKE*--
"--AND WHEN *NOT* TO.
"I HOPE YOU WILL *TRUST* ME TO *MAKE* THAT *JUDGMENT*."


MY FATHER HAS *BELIEVED* IN YOU MANY TIMES IN THE PAST. *I WILL*, TOO.
I'LL BE *PATIENT*... EVEN THOUGH IT FEELS LIKE THE *HARDEST THING* I'VE EVER HAD TO DO...
... I'LL BE *PATIENT*--
--*FOR NOW*!!
HE WAS *OBLIVIOUS* TO ALL THE *SWATBOTS CAMOUFLAGED* HERE, *A.D.A.M.*
IF ONLY HE HAD *CLIMBED* ONTO THE ISLAND... WE WOULD'VE BEEN ABLE TO *BLAST* HIM TO *SMITHEREENS*.
PATIENCE, FATHER, THERE IS A 98% CHANCE THAT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER TIME.
PATIENCE? I HATE *PATIENCE*!!!
ARGH...
END

Tracy Yardley!
& Dustin
+Herp.

MEET THRASH THE DEVIL

The Last Tasmanian!

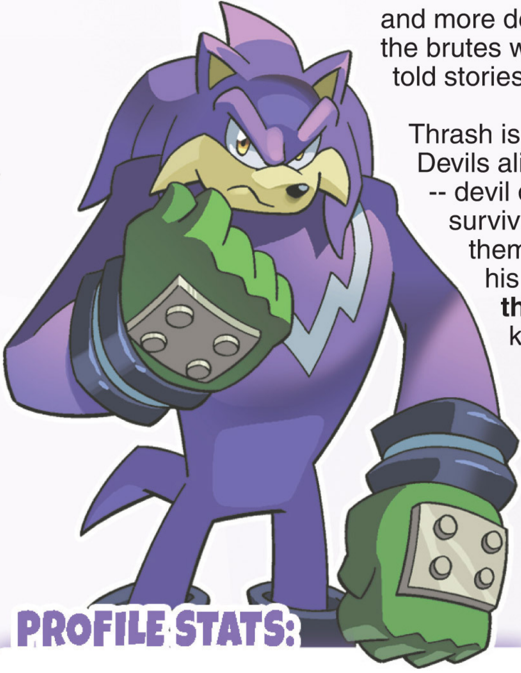
Many years ago, the ancient echidnas founded a colony on **Downunda** to research new methods of defeating **Mammoth Mogul's** villainous **Order of Ixis,** but instead the researchers used **Tasmanians** as test subjects in horrifying genetic experiments. The damage done was so extensive that, instead of producing children, the Tasmanians produced savage **Devil Dogs** -- ravenous **mobinis** who made excellent guards or beasts of burden.

Generations of Tasmanians produced more and more devil dogs until their society was forgotten and the brutes were thought to be the norm. Each generation told stories of how the Echidnas were to blame.

Thrash is one of the last fully Mobian Tasmanian Devils alive. He travels the planet with his two "sisters" -- devil dogs from his litter. His goal: track down all surviving remnants of the lost Echidnas and give them a taste of the devastation they wrought upon his people. With the help of archrival **Knuckles the Echidna**, who unwittingly allowed him to keep a **warp ring**, he succeeded.

After super-charging the ring on the **Master Emerald**, Thrash tracked the last Echidnas -- now warring amongst themselves -- to their homeland. Taking advantage of a key moment where each side was knocked out by their own weaponry, he began shoving them into a randomly ring-generated pocket dimension. Anyone left concious was convinced to step in before he forced the issue. Soon, all Echidnas on the planet, excluding Knuckles, were wiped out.

Thrash is incredibly strong, rivaling Knuckles in raw power. He's fast, agile, and has grown up to be an expert survivalist. When his skills fail him, he can fall back on a sonic-scream powerful enough to knock someone off their feet. Thrash is a rough-but-fair man with a strong sense of justice -- and a stronger sense of revenge.



PROFILE STATS:

First Appearance: Sonic Universe #11

Abilities:

Super Strength – He's quite the bruiser, able to keep up with Knuckles! He even chuckles on rare occasions!

Sonic Scream – His devil's shriek doubles as a concussive force blast with the capability of blowing anyone to their knees or knocking them off their feet!

SONIC SUPER DIGEST

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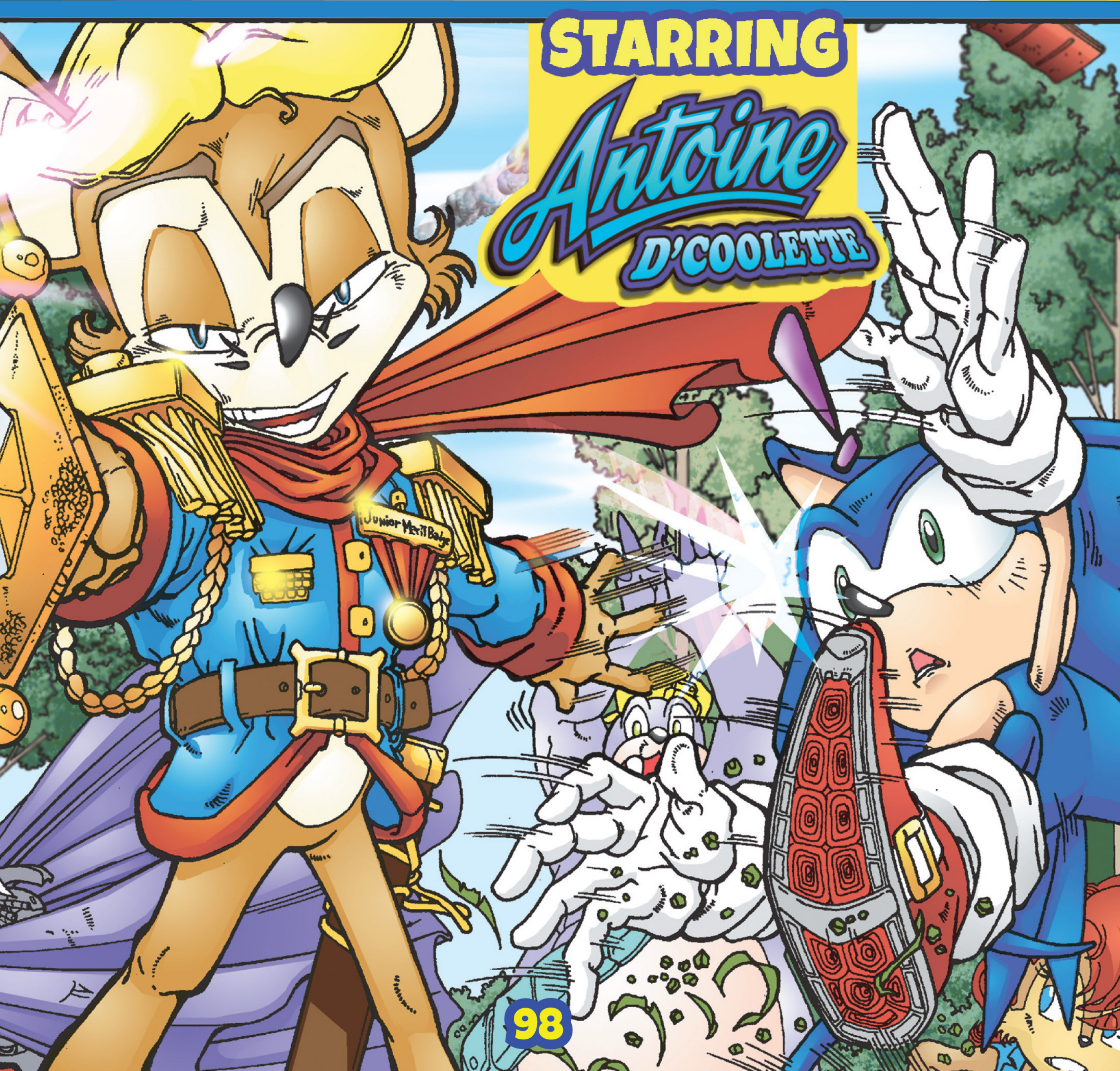
CLASSIC SONIC ADVENTURES!

A quest for Krudzu goes awry when Sonic's best buddy hunts for "THE MAP!"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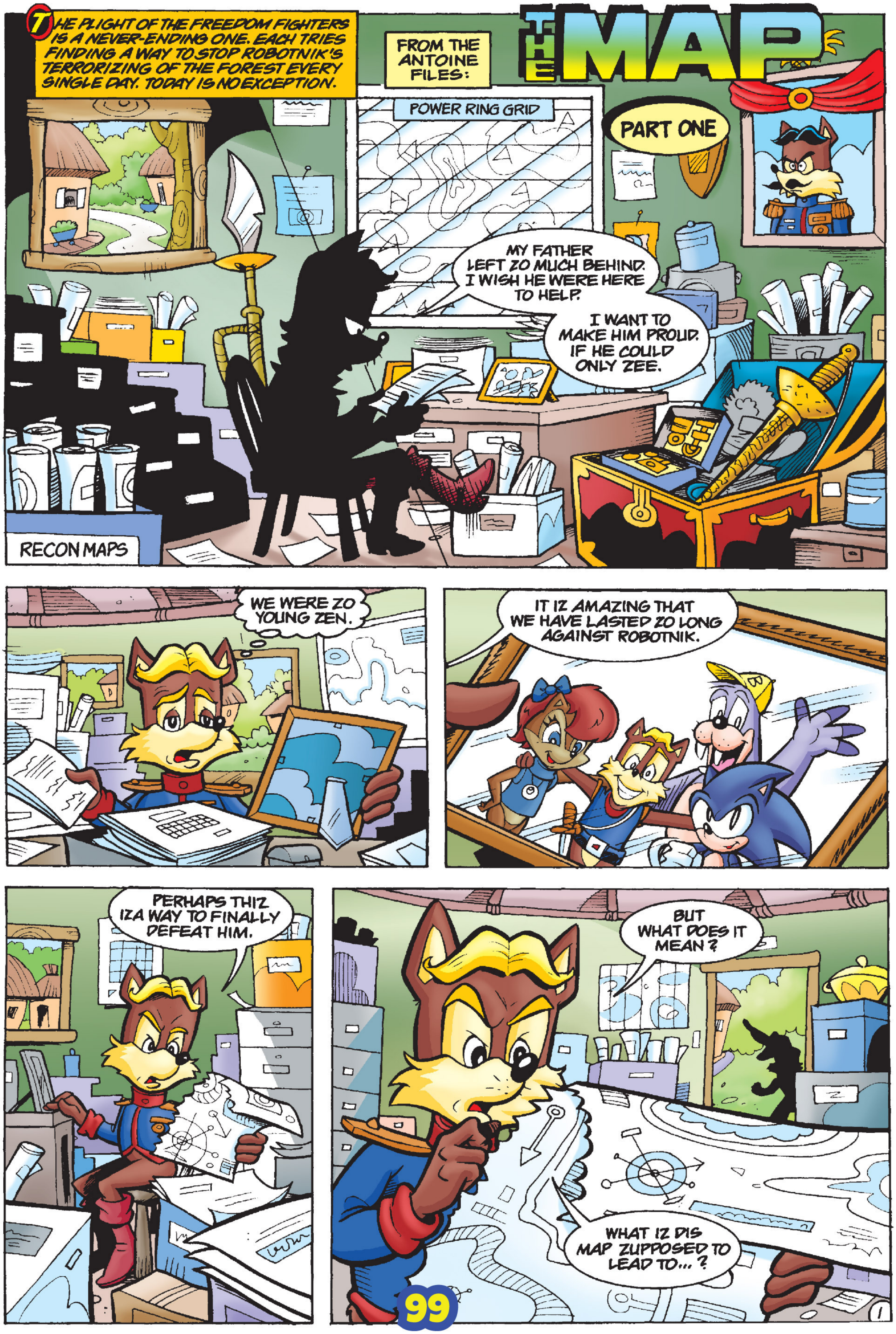
Junior Merit Badge


THE PLIGHT OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IS A NEVER-ENDING ONE. EACH TRIES FINDING A WAY TO STOP ROBOTNIK'S TERRORIZING OF THE FOREST EVERY SINGLE DAY. TODAY IS NO EXCEPTION.
FROM THE ANTOINE FILES:
THE MAP
PART ONE
POWER RING GRID
MY FATHER LEFT ZO MUCH BEHIND. I WISH HE WERE HERE TO HELP.
I WANT TO MAKE HIM PROUD. IF HE COULD ONLY ZEE.
RECON MAPS
WE WERE ZO YOUNG ZEN.
IT IZ AMAZING THAT WE HAVE LASTED ZO LONG AGAINST ROBOTNIK.
PERHAPS THIZ IZA WAY TO FINALLY DEFEAT HIM.
BUT WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
WHAT IZ DIS MAP ZUPPOSED TO LEAD TO...?
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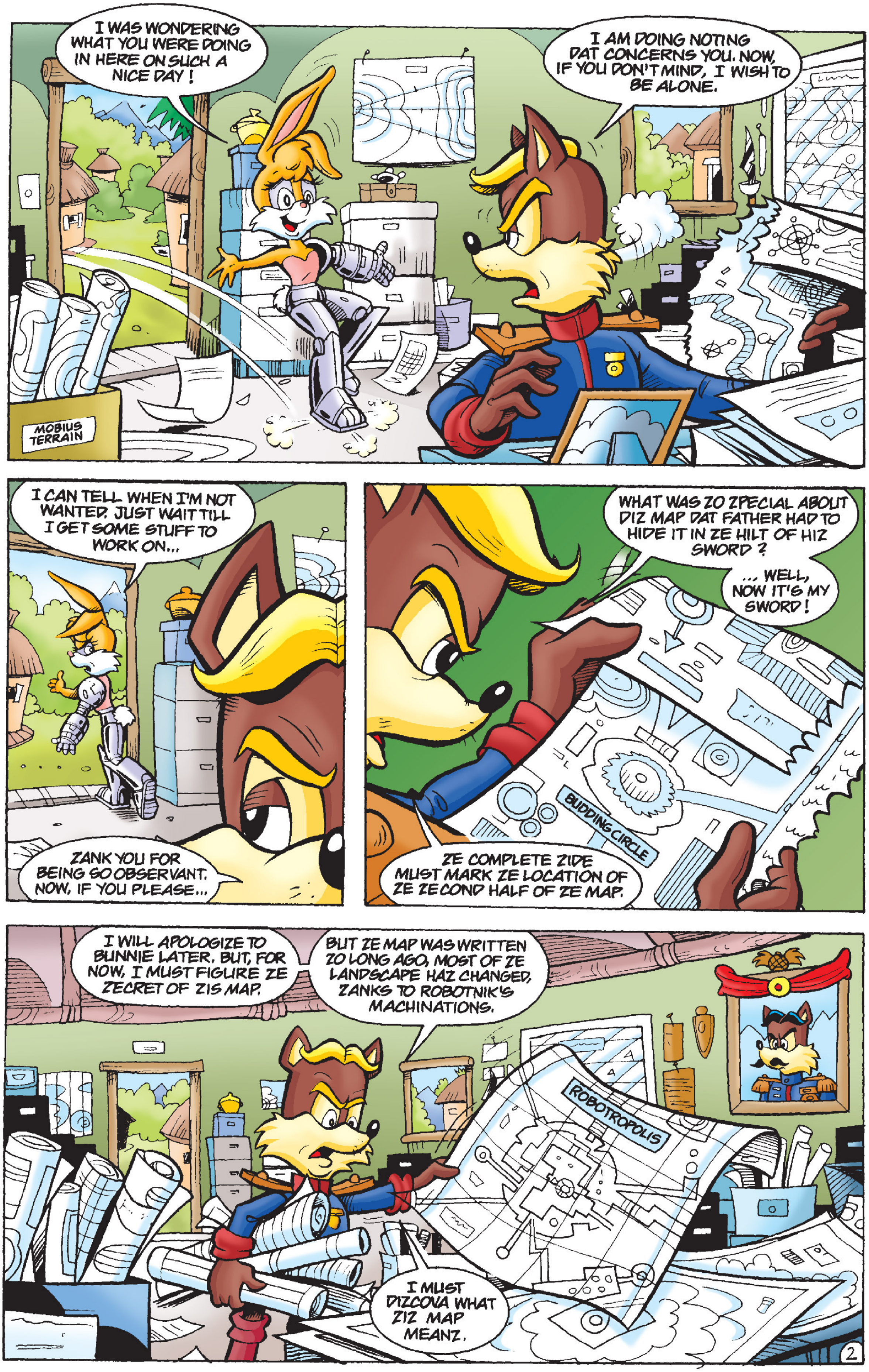
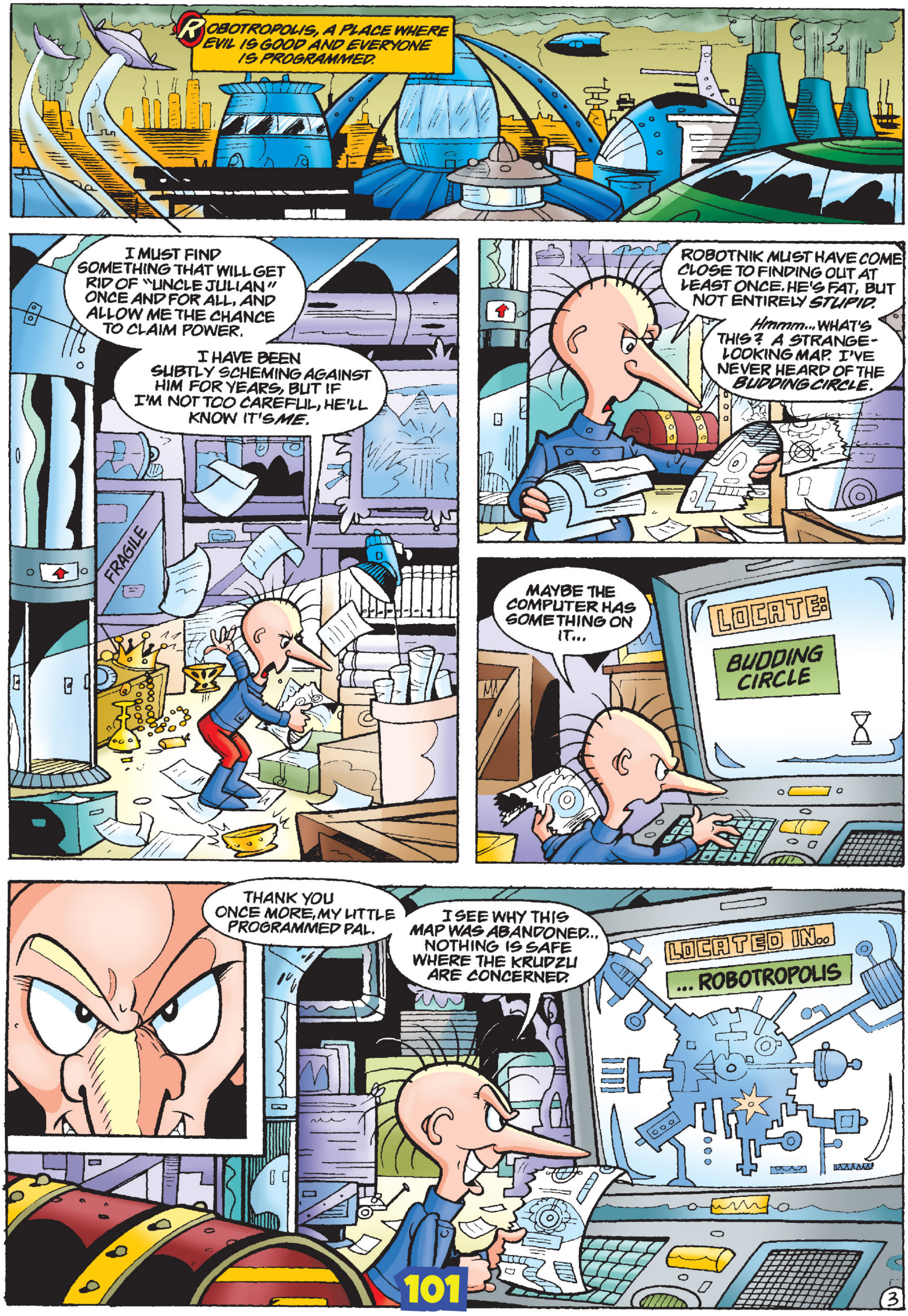
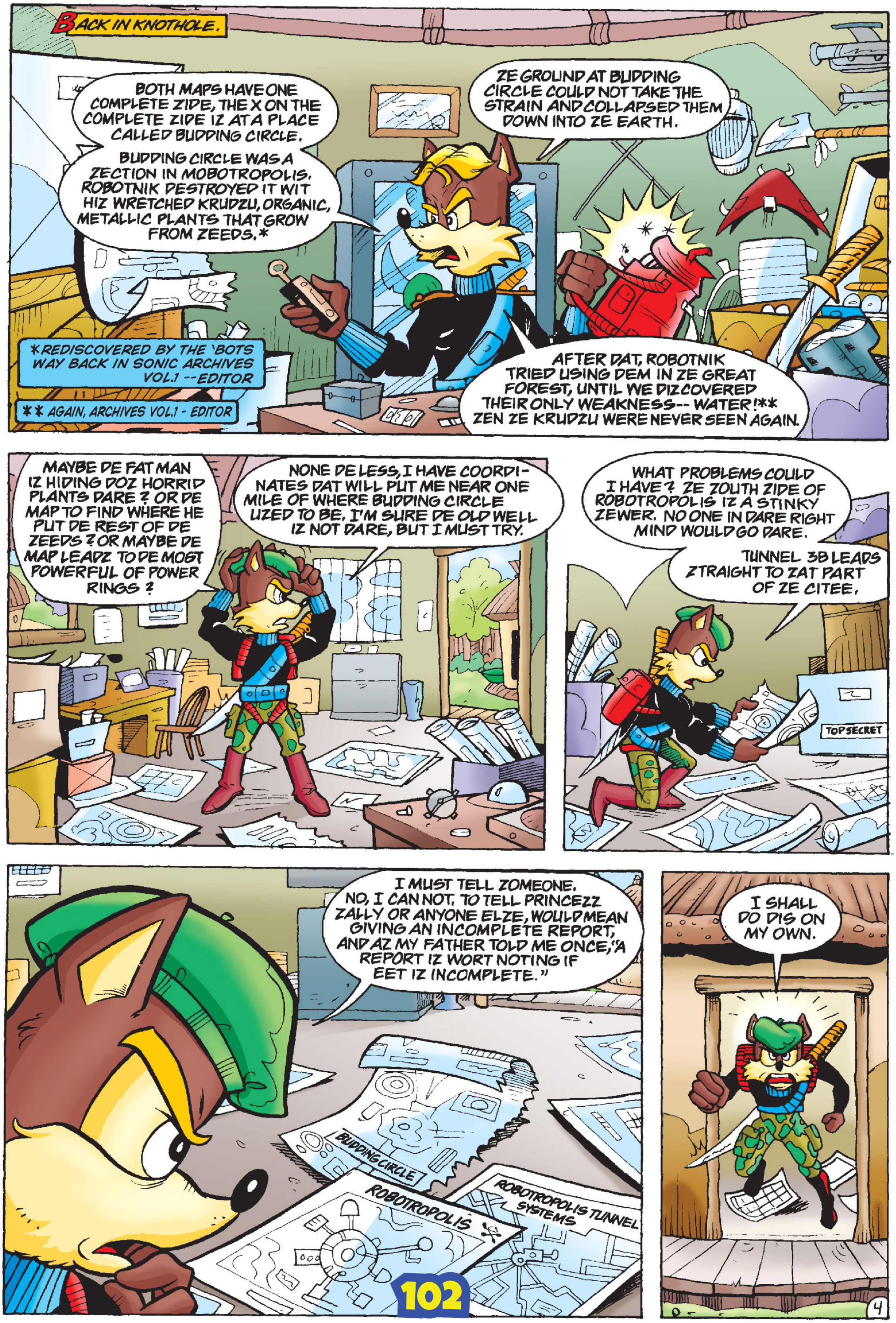

I WAS WONDERING WHAT YOU WERE DOING IN HERE ON SUCH A NICE DAY !
I AM DOING NOTING DAT CONCERNS YOU. NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND, I WISH TO BE ALONE.
MOBIUS TERRAIN
I CAN TELL WHEN I'M NOT WANTED. JUST WAIT TILL I GET SOME STUFF TO WORK ON...
ZANK YOU FOR BEING SO OBSERVANT. NOW, IF YOU PLEASE...
WHAT WAS ZO ZPECIAL ABOUT DIZ MAP DAT FATHER HAD TO HIDE IT IN ZE HILT OF HIZ SWORD ?
... WELL, NOW IT'S MY SWORD !
BUDDING CIRCLE
ZE COMPLETE ZIDE MUST MARK ZE LOCATION OF ZE ZECOND HALF OF ZE MAP.
I WILL APOLOGIZE TO BUNNIE LATER. BUT, FOR NOW, I MUST FIGURE ZE ZECRET OF ZIS MAP.
BUT ZE MAP WAS WRITTEN ZO LONG AGO, MOST OF ZE LANDSCAPE HAZ CHANGED, ZANKS TO ROBOTNIK'S MACHINATIONS.
ROBOTROPOLIS
I MUST DIZCOVA WHAT ZIZ MAP MEANZ.


ROBOTROPOLIS, A PLACE WHERE EVIL IS GOOD AND EVERYONE IS PROGRAMMED.
I MUST FIND SOMETHING THAT WILL GET RID OF "UNCLE JULIAN" ONCE AND FOR ALL, AND ALLOW ME THE CHANCE TO CLAIM POWER.
I HAVE BEEN SUBTLY SCHEMING AGAINST HIM FOR YEARS, BUT IF I'M NOT TOO CAREFUL, HE'LL KNOW IT'S *ME*.
FRAGILE
ROBOTNIK MUST HAVE COME CLOSE TO FINDING OUT AT LEAST ONCE. HE'S FAT, BUT NOT ENTIRELY *STUPID*.
Hmmm... WHAT'S THIS? A STRANGE-LOOKING MAP. I'VE NEVER HEARD OF THE *BUDDING CIRCLE*.
MAYBE THE COMPUTER HAS SOMETHING ON IT...
LOCATE:
BUDDING CIRCLE
THANK YOU ONCE MORE, MY LITTLE PROGRAMMED PAL.
I SEE WHY THIS MAP WAS ABANDONED... NOTHING IS SAFE WHERE THE KRUDZU ARE CONCERNED.
LOCATED IN..
... ROBOTROPOLIS


BACK IN KNOTHOLE.
BOTH MAPS HAVE ONE COMPLETE ZIDE, THE X ON THE COMPLETE ZIDE IZ AT A PLACE CALLED BUDDING CIRCLE.
BUDDING CIRCLE WAS A ZECTION IN MOBOTROPOLIS. ROBOTNIK DESTROYED IT WIT HIZ WRETCHED KRUDZU, ORGANIC, METALLIC PLANTS THAT GROW FROM ZEEDS.*
ZE GROUND AT BUDDING CIRCLE COULD NOT TAKE THE STRAIN AND COLLAPSED THEM DOWN INTO ZE EARTH.
*REDISCOVERED BY THE 'BOTS WAY BACK IN SONIC ARCHIVES VOL.1 --EDITOR
AFTER DAT, ROBOTNIK TRIED USING DEM IN ZE GREAT FOREST, UNTIL WE DIZCOVERED THEIR ONLY WEAKNESS-- WATER!** ZEN ZE KRUDZU WERE NEVER SEEN AGAIN.
** AGAIN, ARCHIVES VOL.1 - EDITOR
MAYBE DE FAT MAN IZ HIDING DOZ HORRID PLANTS DARE? OR DE MAP TO FIND WHERE HE PUT DE REST OF DE ZEEDS? OR MAYBE DE MAP LEADZ TO DE MOST POWERFUL OF POWER RINGS?
NONE DE LESS, I HAVE COORDINATES DAT WILL PUT ME NEAR ONE MILE OF WHERE BUDDING CIRCLE UZED TO BE. I'M SURE DE OLD WELL IZ NOT DARE, BUT I MUST TRY.
WHAT PROBLEMS COULD I HAVE? ZE ZOUTH ZIDE OF ROBOTROPOLIS IZ A STINKY ZEWER. NO ONE IN DARE RIGHT MIND WOULD GO DARE.
TUNNEL 3B LEADS ZTRAIGHT TO ZAT PART OF ZE CITEE.
TOP SECRET
I MUST TELL ZOMEONE. NO, I CAN NOT. TO TELL PRINCEZZ ZALLY OR ANYONE ELZE, WOULD MEAN GIVING AN INCOMPLETE REPORT, AND AZ MY FATHER TOLD ME ONCE, "A REPORT IZ WORT NOTING IF EET IZ INCOMPLETE."
BUDDING CIRCLE
ROBOTROPOLIS
ROBOTROPOLIS TUNNEL SYSTEMS
I SHALL DO DIS ON MY OWN.
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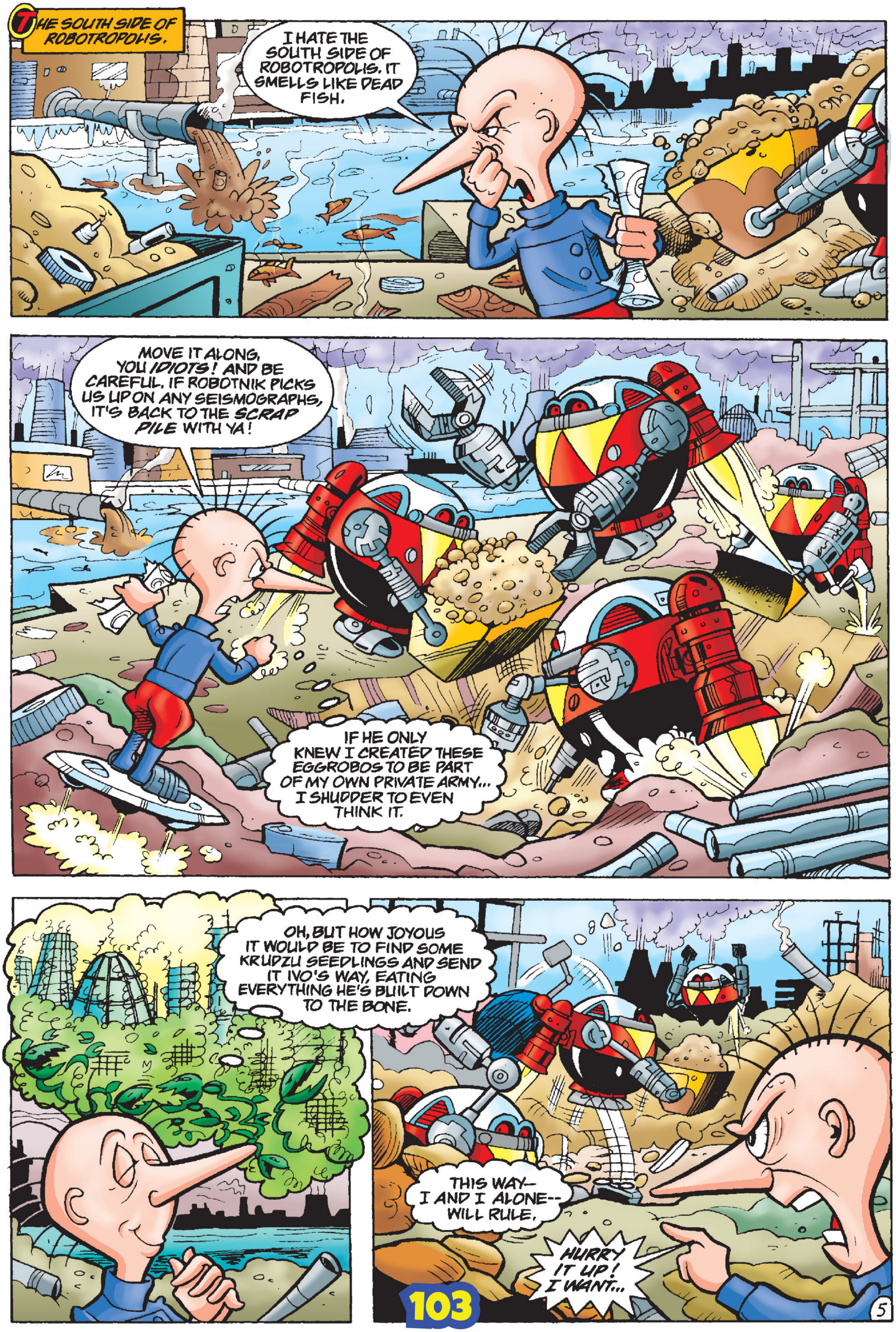
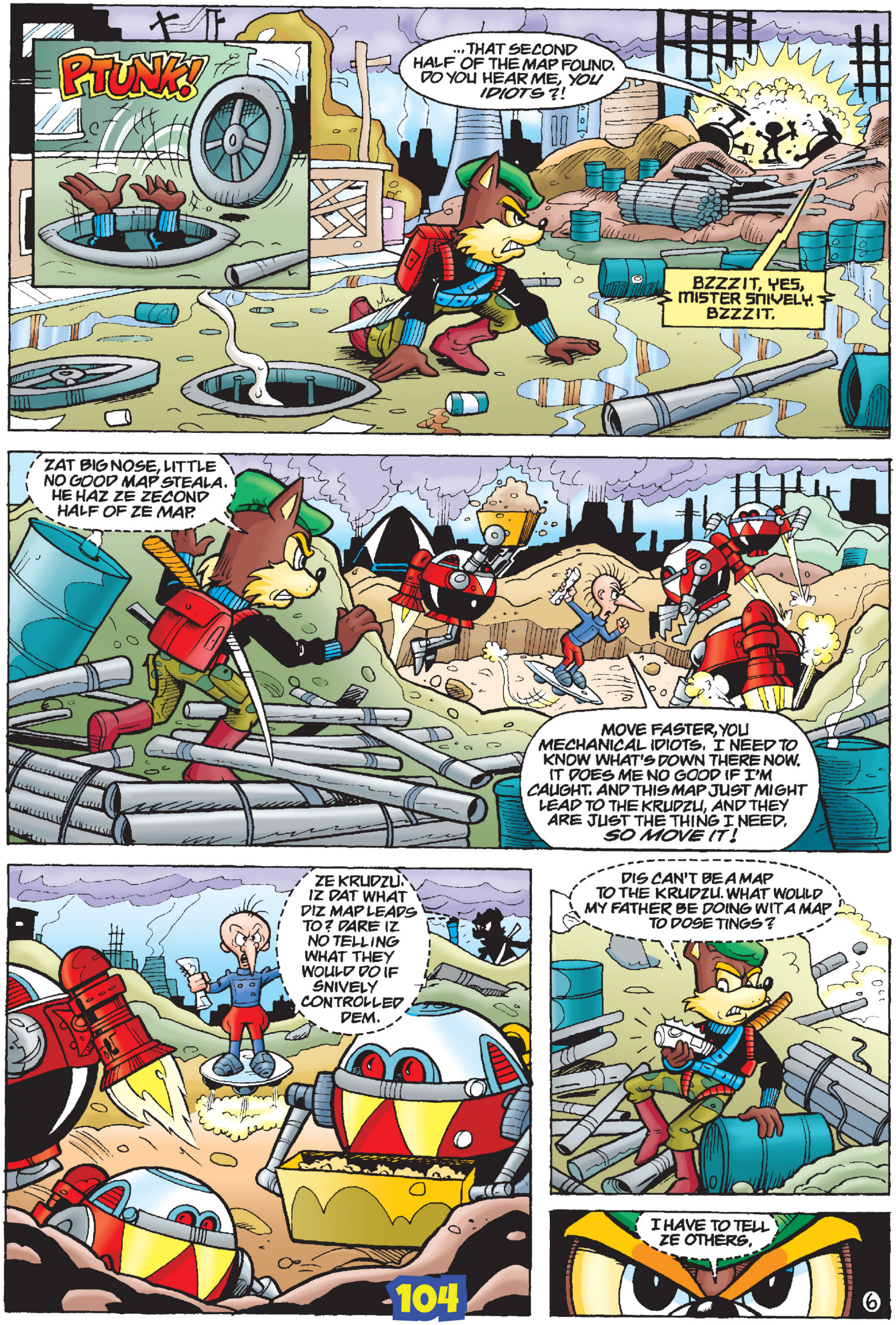
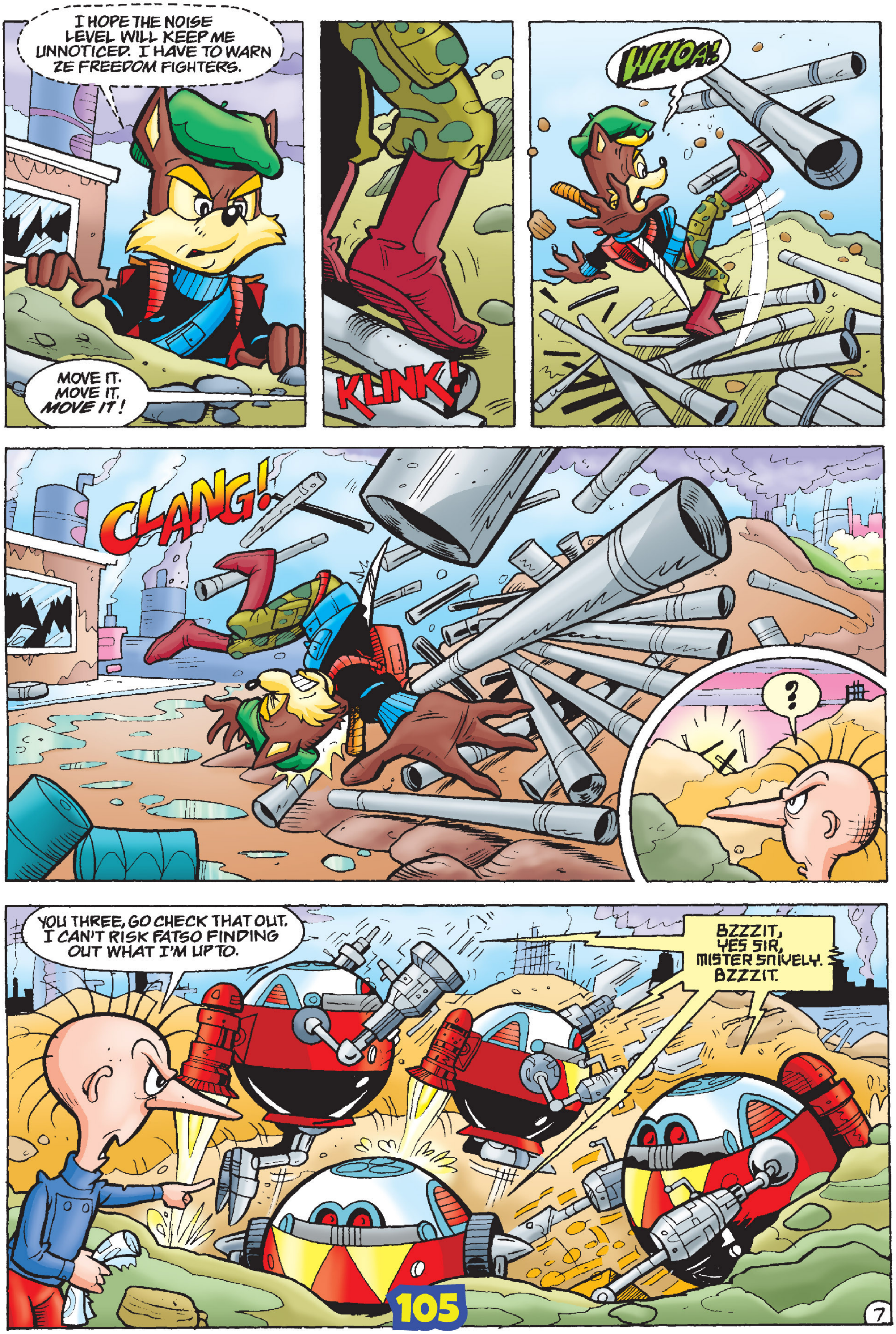

THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROBOTROPOLIS.
I HATE THE SOUTH SIDE OF ROBOTROPOLIS. IT SMELLS LIKE DEAD FISH.
MOVE IT ALONG, YOU *IDIOTS*! AND BE CAREFUL. IF ROBOTNIK PICKS US UP ON ANY SEISMOGRAPHS, IT'S BACK TO THE *SCRAP PILE* WITH YA!
IF HE ONLY KNEW I CREATED THESE EGGROBOS TO BE PART OF MY OWN PRIVATE ARMY... I SHUDDER TO EVEN THINK IT.
OH, BUT HOW JOYOUS IT WOULD BE TO FIND SOME KRUDZU SEEDLINGS AND SEND IT IVO'S WAY, EATING EVERYTHING HE'S BUILT DOWN TO THE BONE.
THIS WAY— I AND I ALONE-- WILL RULE.
HURRY IT UP! I WANT...


PTUNK!
...THAT SECOND HALF OF THE MAP FOUND. DO YOU HEAR ME, YOU IDIOTS?!
BZZZIT, YES, MISTER SNIVELY. BZZZIT.
ZAT BIG NOSE, LITTLE NO GOOD MAP STEALA. HE HAZ ZE ZECOND HALF OF ZE MAP.
MOVE FASTER, YOU MECHANICAL IDIOTS. I NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S DOWN THERE NOW. IT DOES ME NO GOOD IF I'M CAUGHT. AND THIS MAP JUST MIGHT LEAD TO THE KRUDZU, AND THEY ARE JUST THE THING I NEED. SO MOVE IT!
ZE KRUDZU. IZ DAT WHAT DIZ MAP LEADS TO? DARE IZ NO TELLING WHAT THEY WOULD DO IF SNIVELY CONTROLLED DEM.
DIS CAN'T BE A MAP TO THE KRUDZU. WHAT WOULD MY FATHER BE DOING WIT A MAP TO DOSE TINGS?
I HAVE TO TELL ZE OTHERS.


I HOPE THE NOISE LEVEL WILL KEEP ME UNNOTICED. I HAVE TO WARN ZE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
MOVE IT. MOVE IT. MOVE IT!
KLINK!
WHOA!
CLANG!
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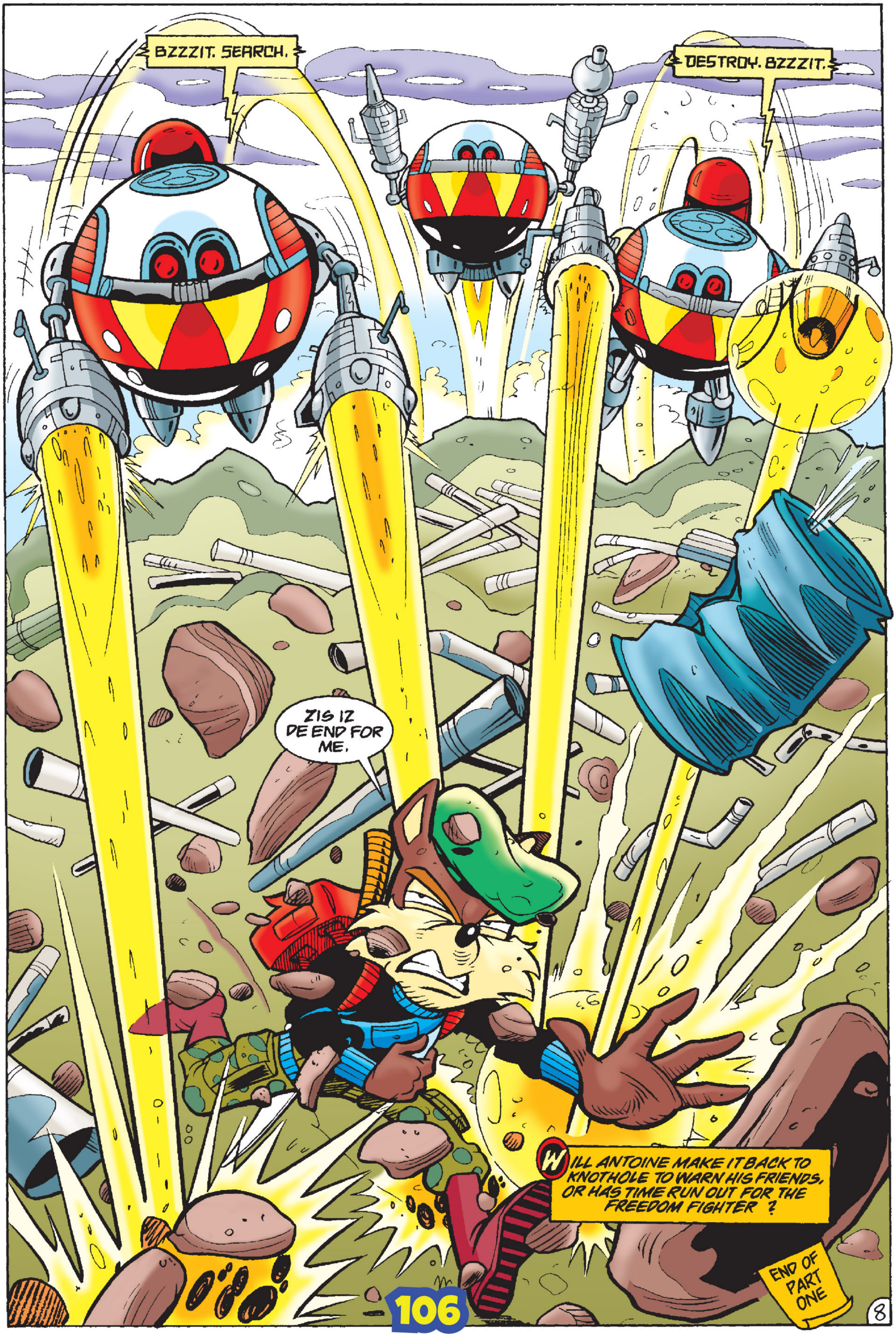
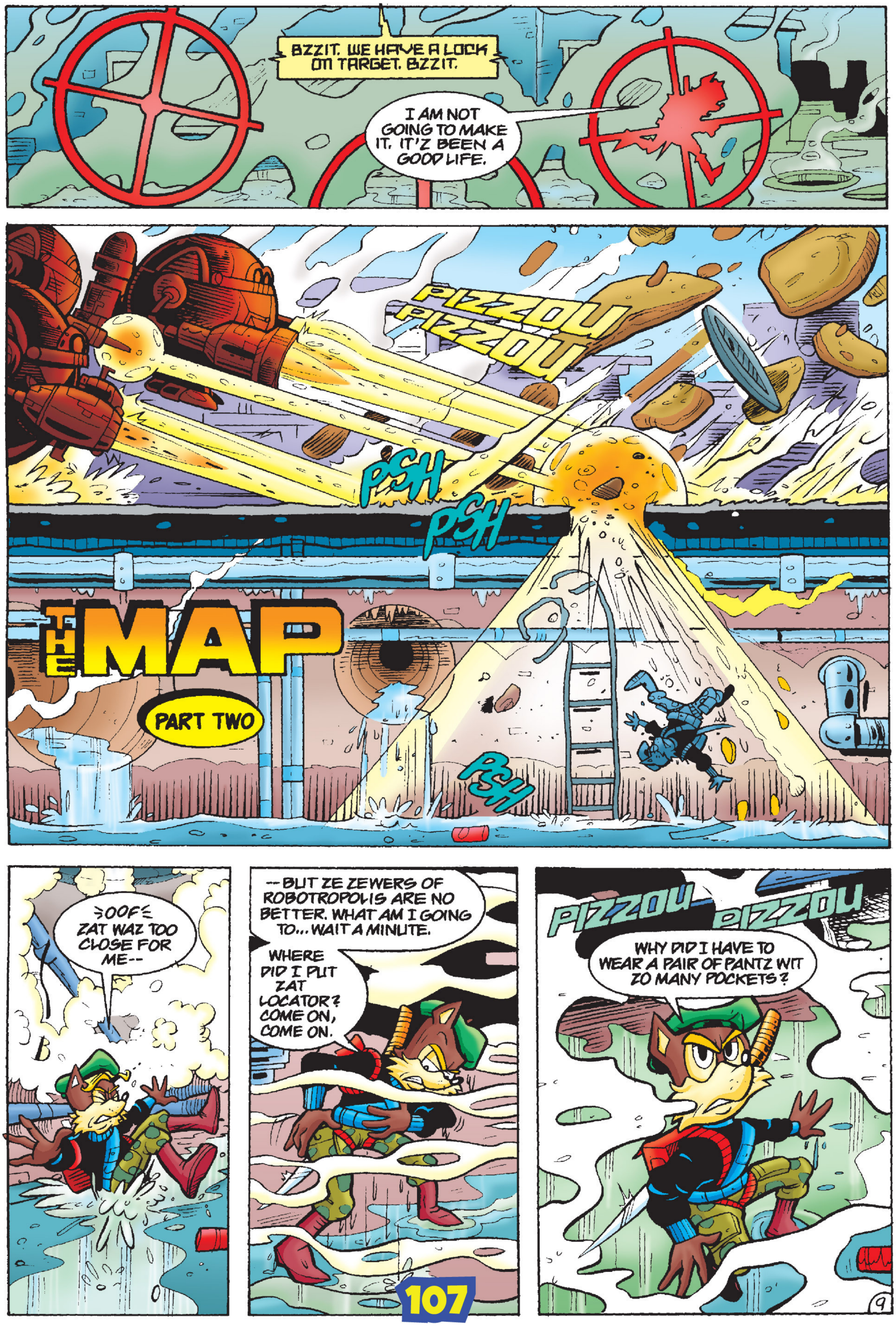
YOU THREE, GO CHECK THAT OUT. I CAN'T RISK FATSO FINDING OUT WHAT I'M UP TO.
BZZZIT, YES SIR, MISTER SNIVELY. BZZZIT.


BZZZIT. SEARCH.
DESTROY. BZZZIT.
ZIS IZ DE END FOR ME.
WILL ANTOINE MAKE IT BACK TO KNOTHOLE TO WARN HIS FRIENDS, OR HAS TIME RUN OUT FOR THE FREEDOM FIGHTER ?
END OF PART ONE


BZZIT. WE HAVE A LOCK ON TARGET. BZZIT.
I AM NOT GOING TO MAKE IT. IT'Z BEEN A GOOD LIFE.
PIZZOU PIZZOU
PSH PSH
THE MAP
PART TWO
PSH
≷OOF≶ ZAT WAZ TOO CLOSE FOR ME--
--BUT ZE ZEWERS OF ROBOTROPOLIS ARE NO BETTER. WHAT AM I GOING TO... WAIT A MINUTE.
WHERE DID I PUT ZAT LOCATOR? COME ON, COME ON.
PIZZOU PIZZOU
WHY DID I HAVE TO WEAR A PAIR OF PANTZ WIT ZO MANY POCKETS?
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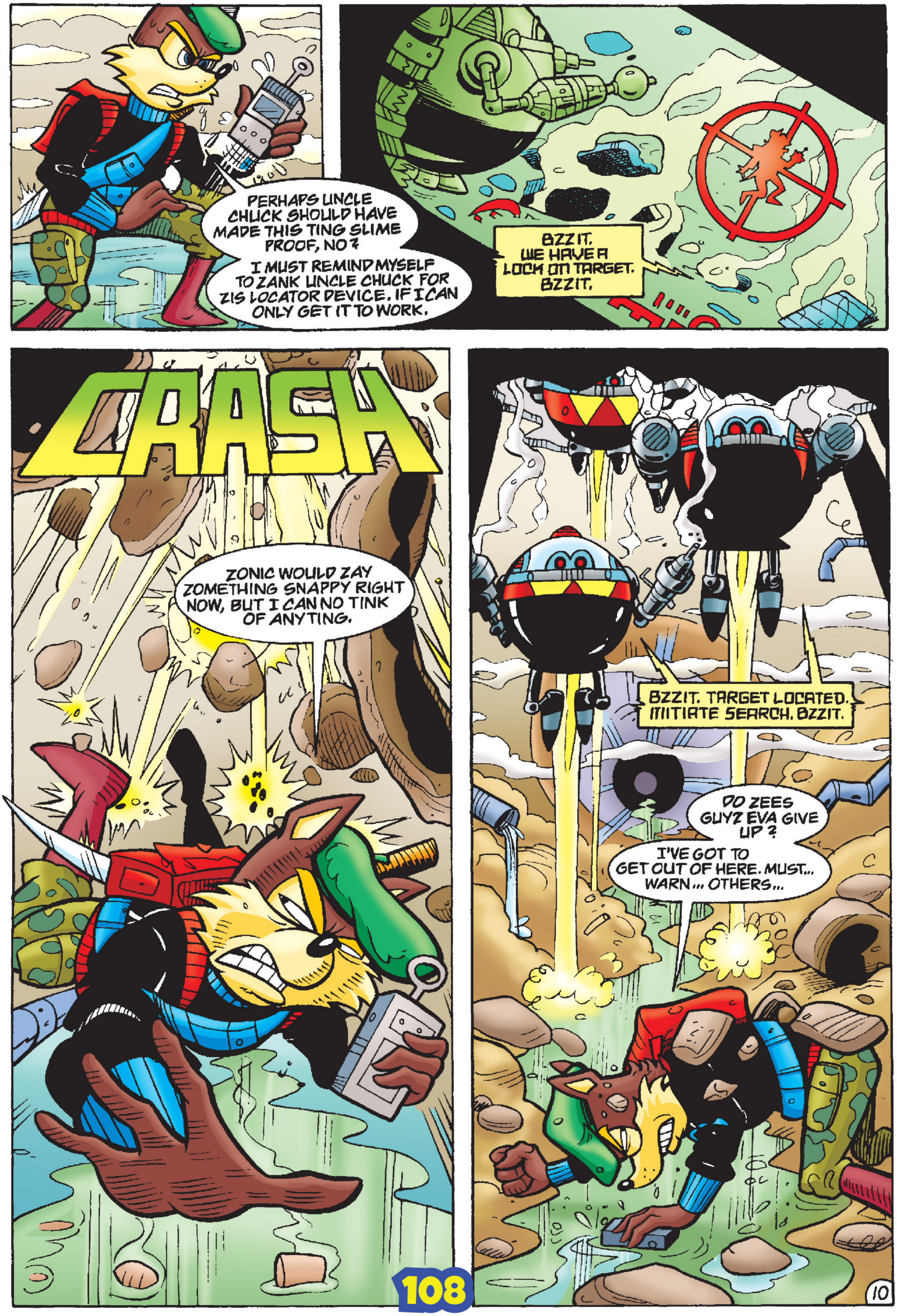
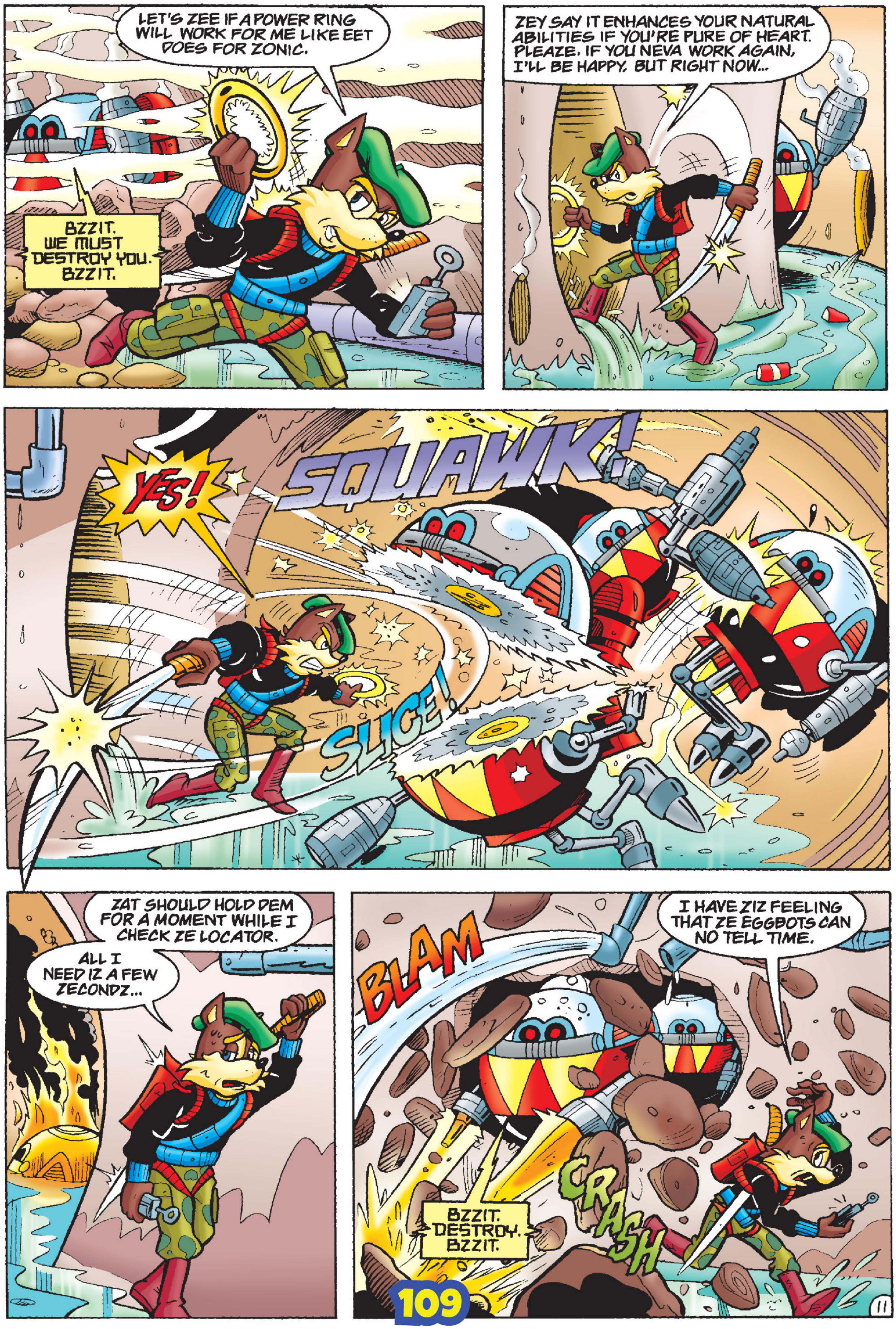

PERHAPS UNCLE CHUCK SHOULD HAVE MADE THIS TING SLIME PROOF, NO?
I MUST REMIND MYSELF TO ZANK UNCLE CHUCK FOR ZIS LOCATOR DEVICE. IF I CAN ONLY GET IT TO WORK.
BZZIT. WE HAVE A LOCK ON TARGET. BZZIT.
CRASH
ZONIC WOULD ZAY ZOMETHING SNAPPY RIGHT NOW, BUT I CAN NO TINK OF ANYTING.
BZZIT. TARGET LOCATED. INITIATE SEARCH. BZZIT.
DO ZEES GUYZ EVA GIVE UP?
I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE. MUST... WARN... OTHERS...


LET'S ZEE IF A POWER RING WILL WORK FOR ME LIKE EET DOES FOR ZONIC.
BZZIT. WE MUST DESTROY YOU. BZZIT.
ZEY SAY IT ENHANCES YOUR NATURAL ABILITIES IF YOU'RE PURE OF HEART. PLEAZE. IF YOU NEVA WORK AGAIN, I'LL BE HAPPY. BUT RIGHT NOW...
YES!
SQUAWK!
SLICE!
ZAT SHOULD HOLD DEM FOR A MOMENT WHILE I CHECK ZE LOCATOR.
ALL I NEED IZ A FEW ZECONDZ...
BLAM
I HAVE ZIZ FEELING THAT ZE EGGBOTS CAN NO TELL TIME.
CRASH
BZZIT. DESTROY. BZZIT.
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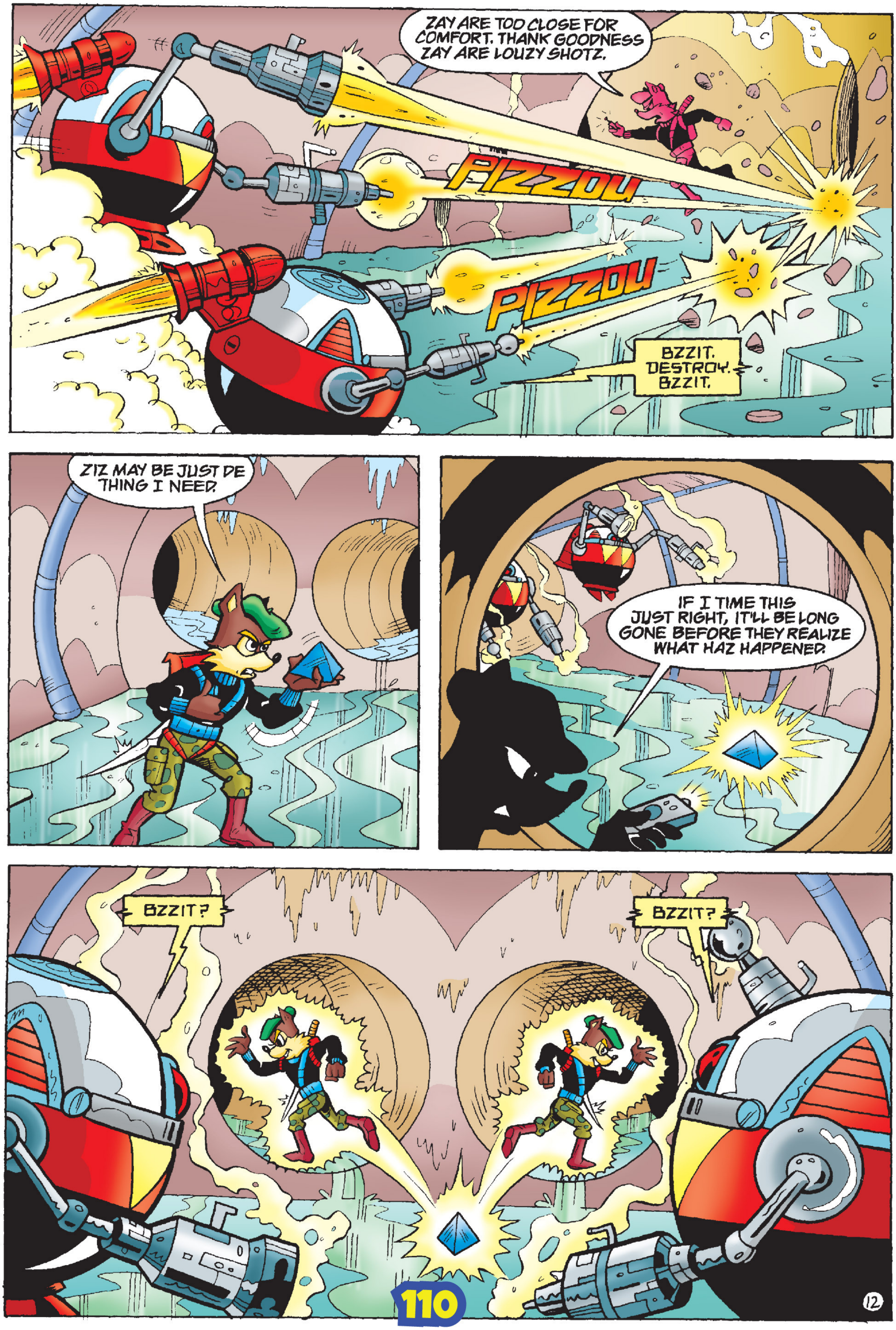
ZAY ARE TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT. THANK GOODNESS ZAY ARE LOUZY SHOTZ.
PIZZOU
PIZZOU
BZZIT. DESTROY. BZZIT.
ZIZ MAY BE JUST DE THING I NEED.
IF I TIME THIS JUST RIGHT, IT'LL BE LONG GONE BEFORE THEY REALIZE WHAT HAZ HAPPENED.
BZZIT?
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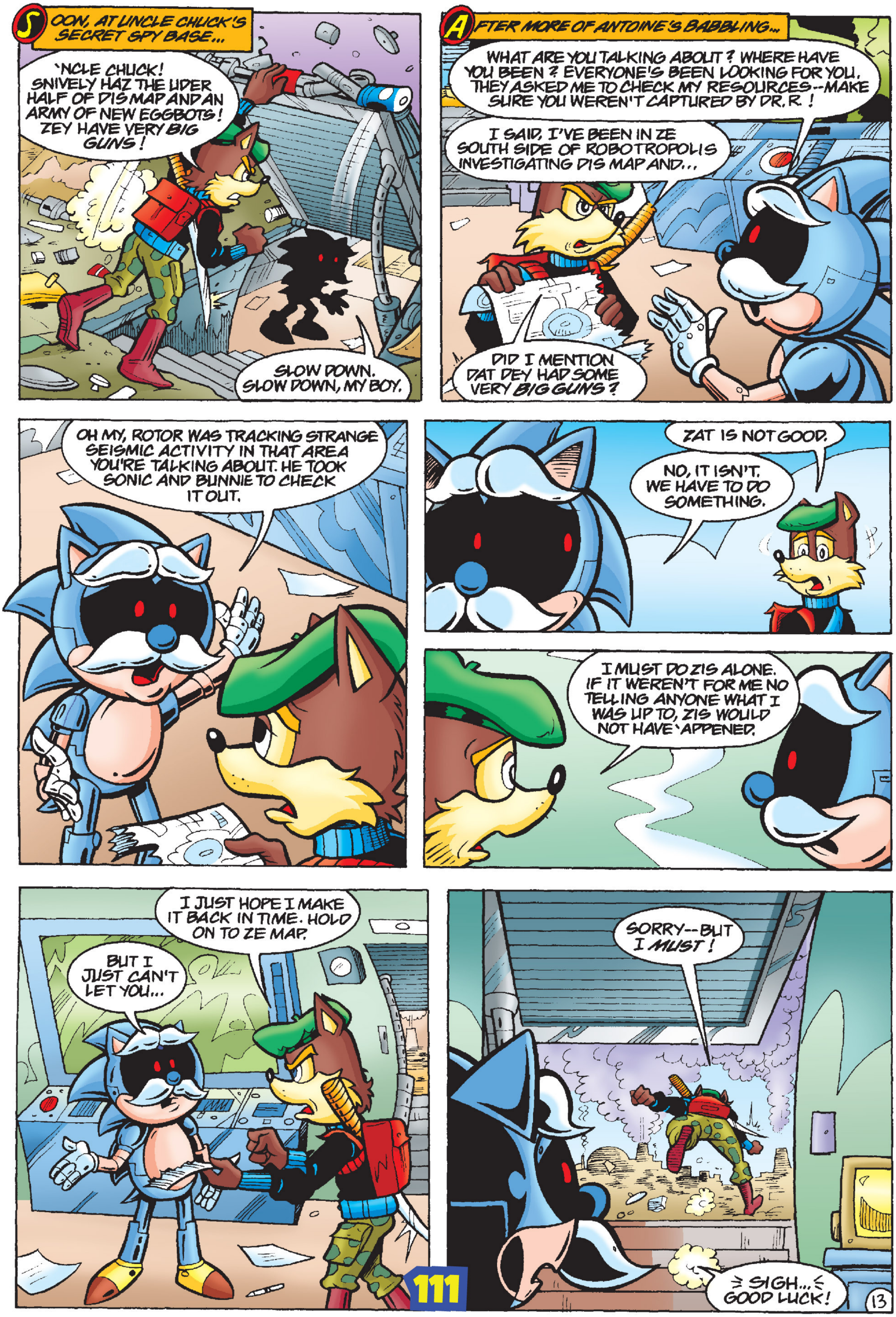
SOON, AT UNCLE CHUCK'S SECRET SPY BASE...
'NCLE CHUCK! SNIVELY HAZ THE UDER HALF OF DIS MAP AND AN ARMY OF NEW EGGBOTS! ZEY HAVE VERY *BIG* GUNS!
SLOW DOWN. SLOW DOWN, MY BOY.
AFTER MORE OF ANTOINE'S BABBLING...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? EVERYONE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU. THEY ASKED ME TO CHECK MY RESOURCES--MAKE SURE YOU WEREN'T CAPTURED BY DR. R.!
I SAID, I'VE BEEN IN ZE SOUTH SIDE OF ROBOTROPOLIS INVESTIGATING DIS MAP AND...
DID I MENTION DAT DEY HAD SOME VERY *BIG GUNS*?
OH MY, ROTOR WAS TRACKING STRANGE SEISMIC ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT. HE TOOK SONIC AND BUNNIE TO CHECK IT OUT.
ZAT IS NOT GOOD.
NO, IT ISN'T. WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.
I MUST DO ZIS ALONE. IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME NO TELLING ANYONE WHAT I WAS UP TO, ZIS WOULD NOT HAVE 'APPENED.
I JUST HOPE I MAKE IT BACK IN TIME. HOLD ON TO ZE MAP.
BUT I JUST CAN'T LET YOU...
SORRY--BUT I *MUST*!
≷SIGH...≶ GOOD LUCK!
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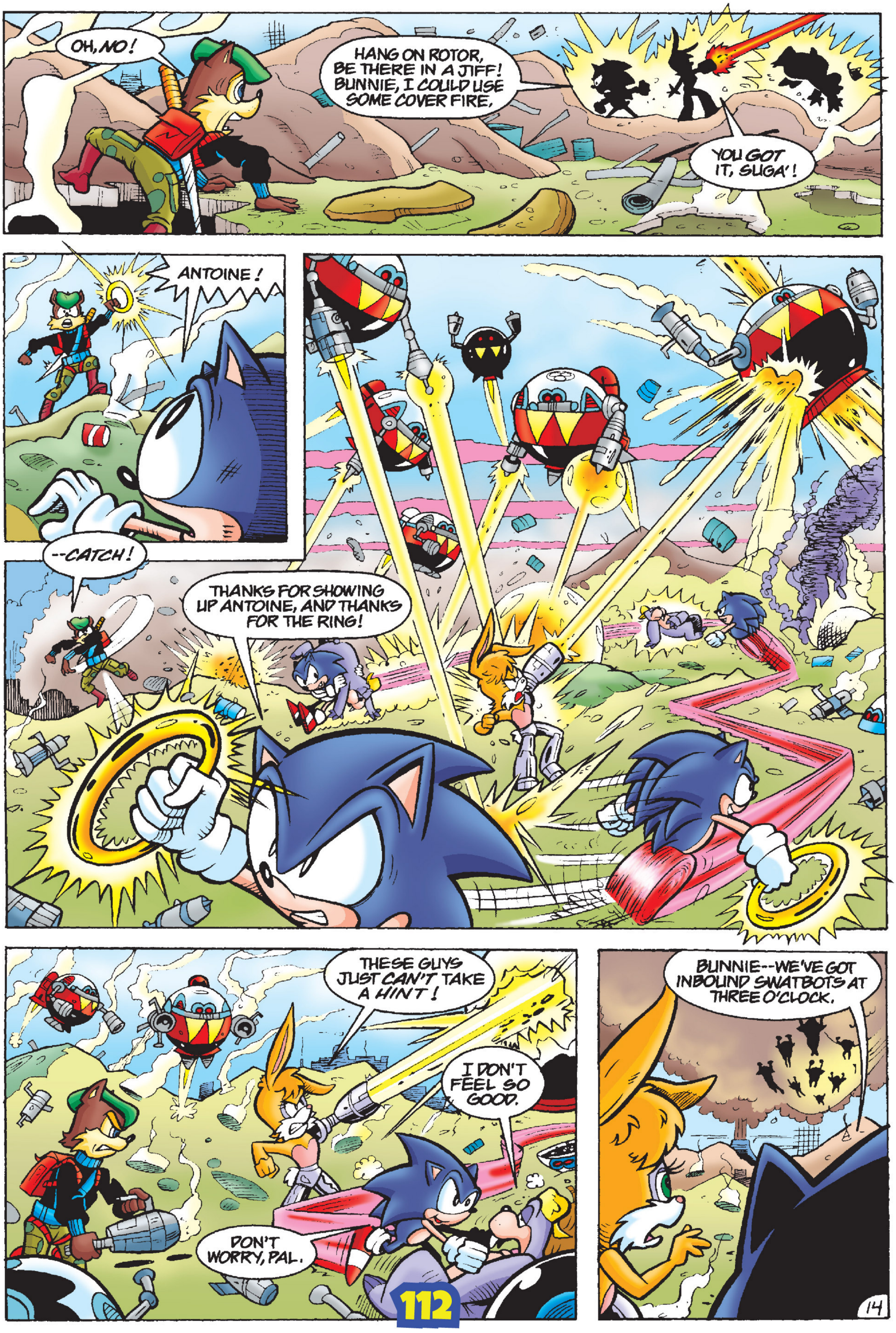
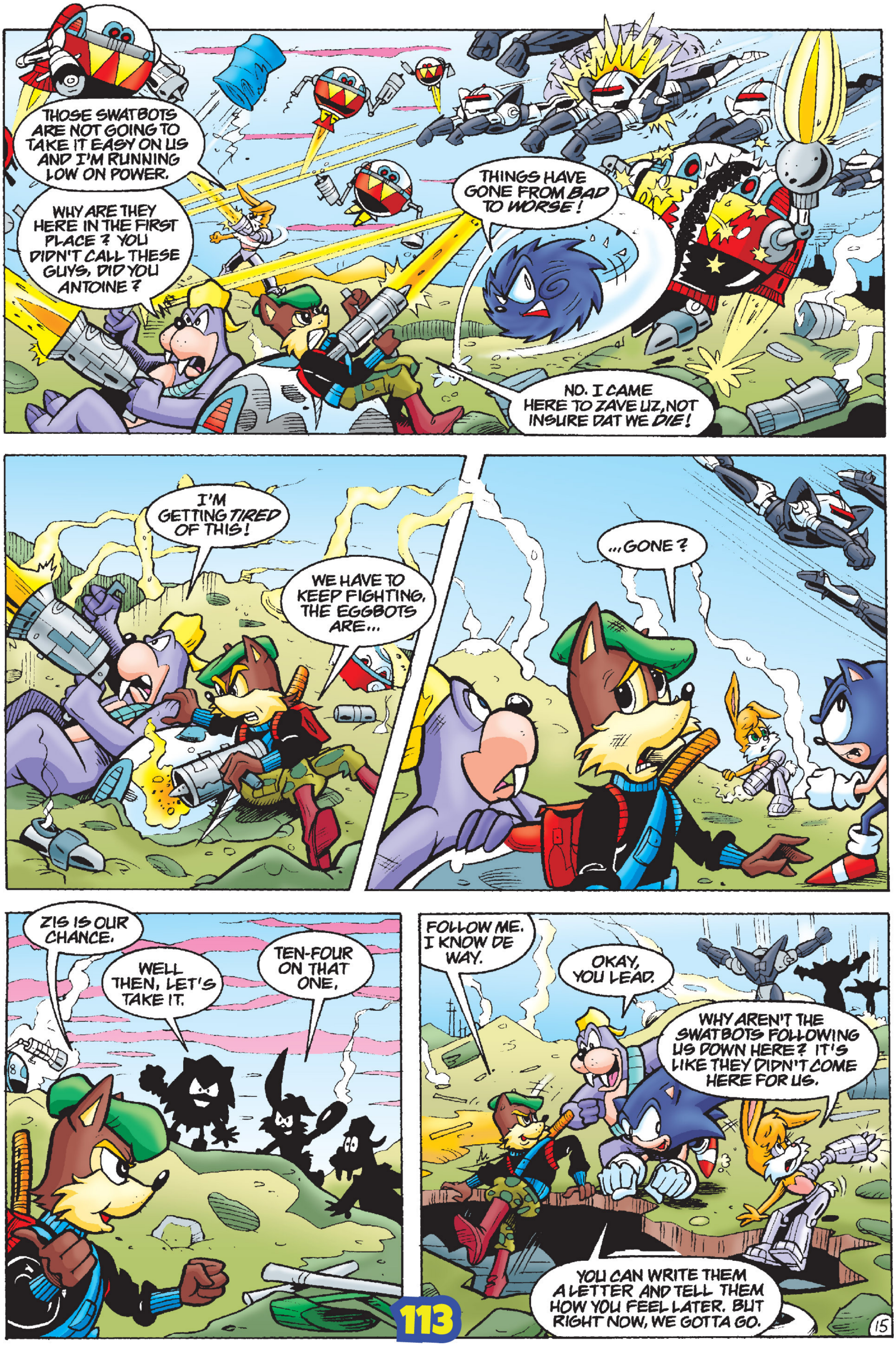
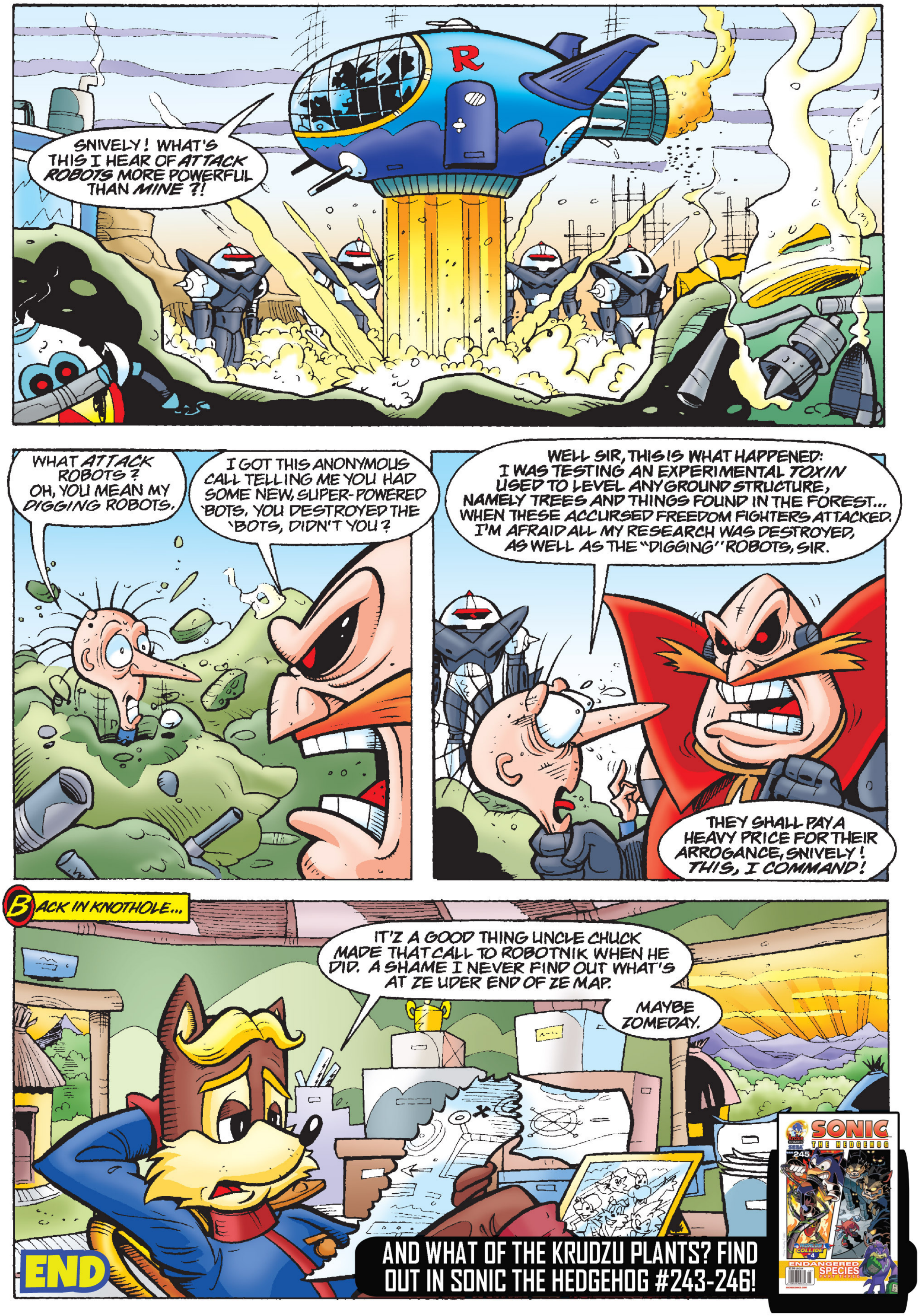

OH, NO!
HANG ON ROTOR, BE THERE IN A JIFF! BUNNIE, I COULD USE SOME COVER FIRE,
YOU GOT IT, SUGA'!
ANTOINE!
--CATCH!
THANKS FOR SHOWING UP ANTOINE, AND THANKS FOR THE RING!
THESE GUYS JUST *CAN'T* TAKE A *HINT*!
I DON'T FEEL SO GOOD.
DON'T WORRY, PAL.
BUNNIE--WE'VE GOT INBOUND SWATBOTS AT THREE O'CLOCK.


THOSE SWATBOTS ARE NOT GOING TO TAKE IT EASY ON US AND I'M RUNNING LOW ON POWER.
WHY ARE THEY HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE? YOU DIDN'T CALL THESE GUYS, DID YOU ANTOINE?
THINGS HAVE GONE FROM *BAD* TO *WORSE*!
NO. I CAME HERE TO ZAVE UZ, NOT INSURE DAT WE *DIE*!
I'M GETTING *TIRED* OF THIS!
WE HAVE TO KEEP FIGHTING, THE EGGBOTS ARE...
...GONE?
ZIS IS OUR CHANCE.
WELL THEN, LET'S TAKE IT.
TEN-FOUR ON THAT ONE.
FOLLOW ME. I KNOW DE WAY.
OKAY, YOU LEAD.
WHY AREN'T THE SWATBOTS FOLLOWING US DOWN HERE? IT'S LIKE THEY DIDN'T COME HERE FOR US.
YOU CAN WRITE THEM A LETTER AND TELL THEM HOW YOU FEEL LATER. BUT RIGHT NOW, WE GOTTA GO.


SNIVELY! WHAT'S THIS I HEAR OF *ATTACK ROBOTS* MORE POWERFUL THAN *MINE* ?!
WHAT *ATTACK ROBOTS* ? OH, YOU MEAN MY *DIGGING ROBOTS*.
I GOT THIS ANONYMOUS CALL TELLING ME YOU HAD SOME NEW, SUPER-POWERED 'BOTS. YOU DESTROYED THE 'BOTS, DIDN'T YOU?
WELL SIR, THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED: I WAS TESTING AN EXPERIMENTAL *TOXIN* USED TO LEVEL ANY GROUND STRUCTURE, NAMELY TREES AND THINGS FOUND IN THE FOREST... WHEN THESE ACCURSED FREEDOM FIGHTERS ATTACKED. I'M AFRAID ALL MY RESEARCH WAS DESTROYED, AS WELL AS THE "DIGGING" ROBOTS, SIR.
THEY SHALL PAY A HEAVY PRICE FOR THEIR ARROGANCE, SNIVELY! *THIS, I COMMAND!*
BACK IN KNOTHOLE...
IT'Z A GOOD THING UNCLE CHUCK MADE THAT CALL TO ROBOTNIK WHEN HE DID. A SHAME I NEVER FIND OUT WHAT'S AT ZE UDER END OF ZE MAP.
MAYBE ZOMEDAY.
END
AND WHAT OF THE KRUDZU PLANTS? FIND OUT IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #243-246!
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Return to the Little Planet in the second episode of: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 4!

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Platforms: XBox 360 (Live Arcade), Playstation 3 Network, Mobile Devices

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Welcome to **Sonic the Hedgehog 4: Episode 2!**

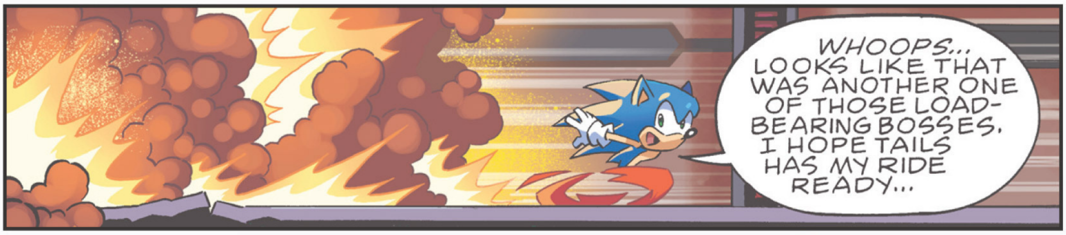
In the previous chapter, **Sonic** chased **Doctor Eggman** from **Splash Hill** to his orbital **Egg Station** where our heroic hedgehog stopped the doctor and saved the day! Or so he thought ...

In truth, Episode 1 was all a distraction! The doctor has set his sights on the creation of a second **Death Egg** -- with the yearly returning **Little Planet** as its base and central core! And this time, he's got a super-powered and rebuilt **Metal Sonic** to back him up!

A new take on classic gameplay, Episode 2's levels consist of: **Sylvania Castle** (a medieval underwater ruin), **White Park** (a snow covered amusement park), **Oil Desert** (a dilapidated oil refinery), and finally -- the **Death Egg Mk.II** (Eggman's baffling mechanical space-base)!

Give it a try and see how far you can make it!

FUN FACTS!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DID YOU KNOW that the above panel is actually a reference to previous Sonic final bosses? *Load-bearing bosses* refer to a video game trope (devices a writer can rely on as being present in the audience members' minds and expectations) where the destruction of a boss or monster causes the entire area to self-destruct!

DID YOU KNOW that the game's original codename was "Project Needlemouse"? "Mr. Needlemouse" is what the original developers called Sonic before they settled on his name.

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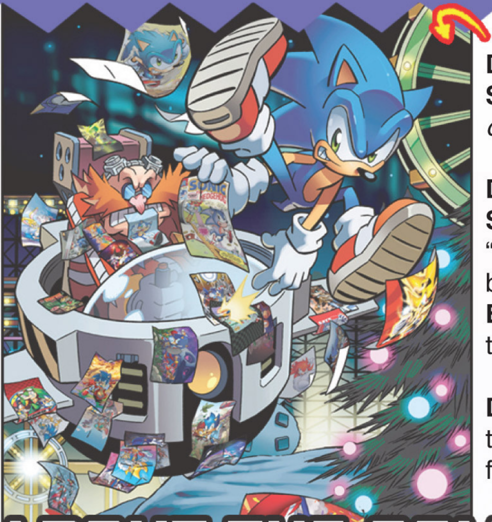
White Parks and Recreation!

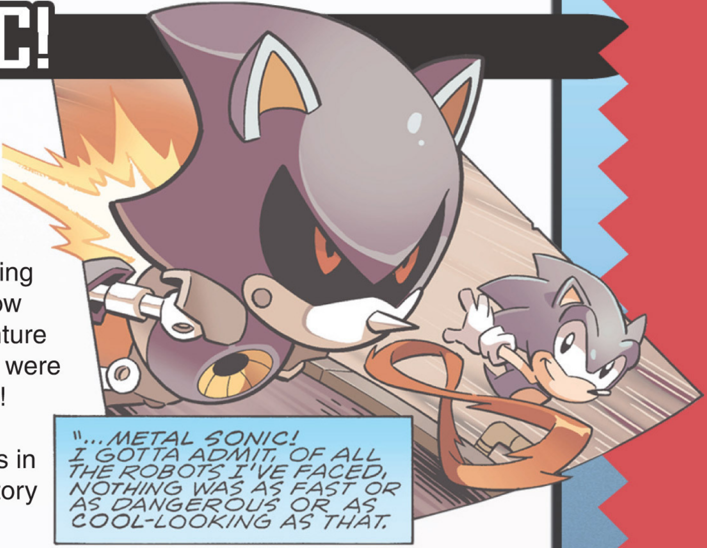


DID YOU KNOW that the cover of **Sonic Super Special Magazine #5** (the poster spectacular -- *on sale now!*) is based off White Park?

DID YOU KNOW that some early prototypes of **Sonic 3D Blast** had an unused, dummied-out "parade" tune that would later become the opening boss music for **Sonic 4: Episode 1**? Meanwhile, **Episode 2's** boss music is a very subtle remix of the second round boss music from Episode 1!

DID YOU KNOW that Episode 2 directly ties with the Sega CD classic, **Sonic CD** which featured the first appearance of the evil **Metal Sonic**?

ABOUT THE COMIC!


"...METAL SONIC! I GOTTA ADMIT, OF ALL THE ROBOTS I'VE FACED, NOTHING WAS AS FAST OR AS DANGEROUS OR AS COOL-LOOKING AS THAT.

Our **Sonic 4: Episode 2** adaptation first appeared in **Sonic Super Special Magazine #3**! Interestingly enough, an adaptation of **Episode 1** was never created.

The comic acts as a prequel to the game, starting at Episode 1's ending! It explains why **Tails** (now playable in Episode 2) tags along for the adventure and re-introduces Metal Sonic, whose remains were still in the **Stardust Speedway** from **Sonic CD**!

While Sonic CD was adapted by Archie Comics in the early days of the book, the events of that story took place in comic continuity, unlike this adaptation which falls under **"Another Time, Another Place."** ATAP stories let us adapt game tales without breaking the continuity! That way we can plan ahead, carefully integrating game elements in full at a later date!

Finally, after you read the last page of our adaptation, download **Sonic 4: Episode Metal** where we discover how our robotic villain gets the strange upgrade he uses in Episode 2 ...

And that's our game-to-comic trivia for today! We hope you enjoy our **Sonic the Hedgehog: Episode 2** adaptation: *"Time for a Comeback,"* courtesy of **SEGA** and **Archie Comics**!

ON WITH THE SHOW!

TIME FOR A COMEBACK

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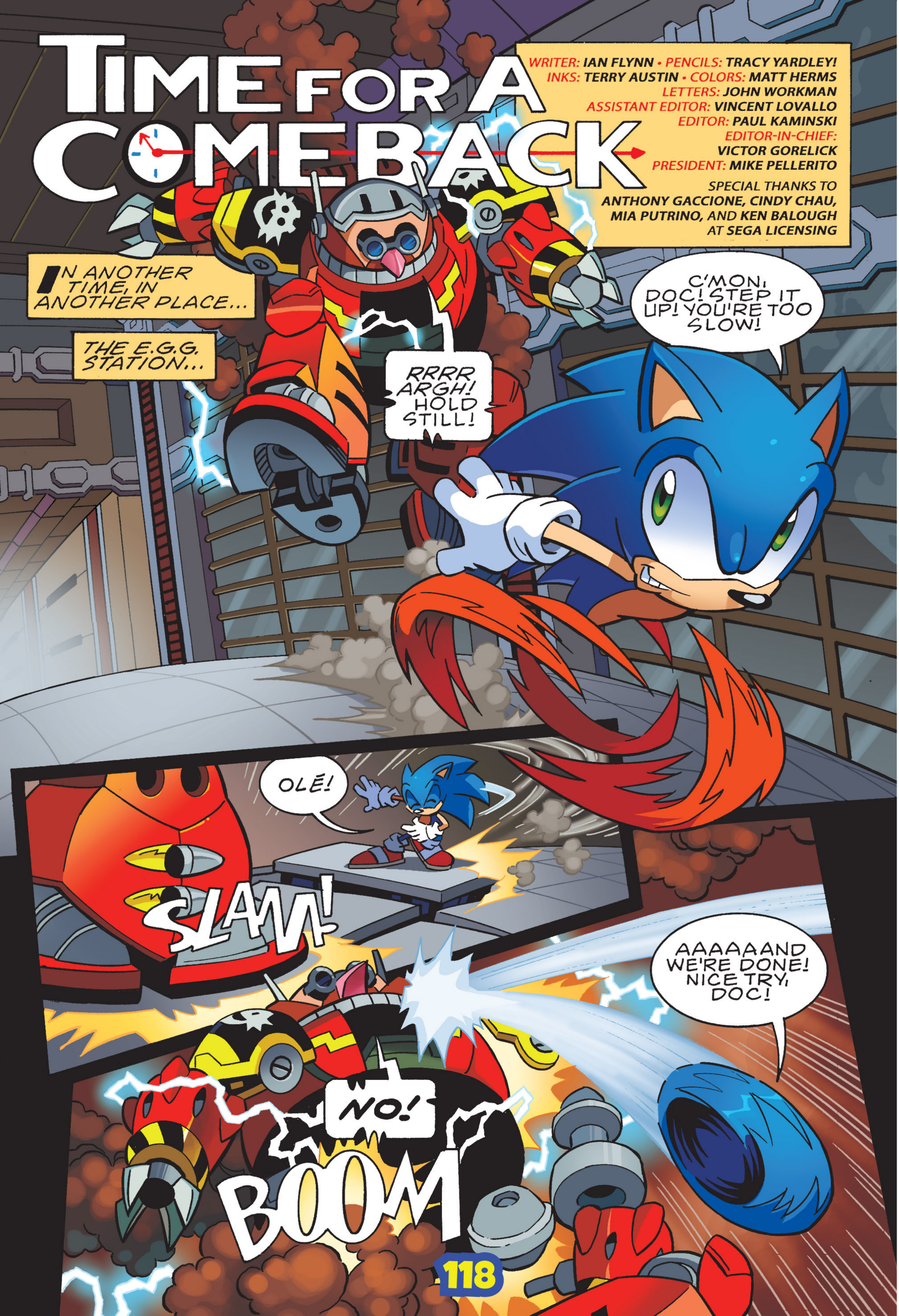
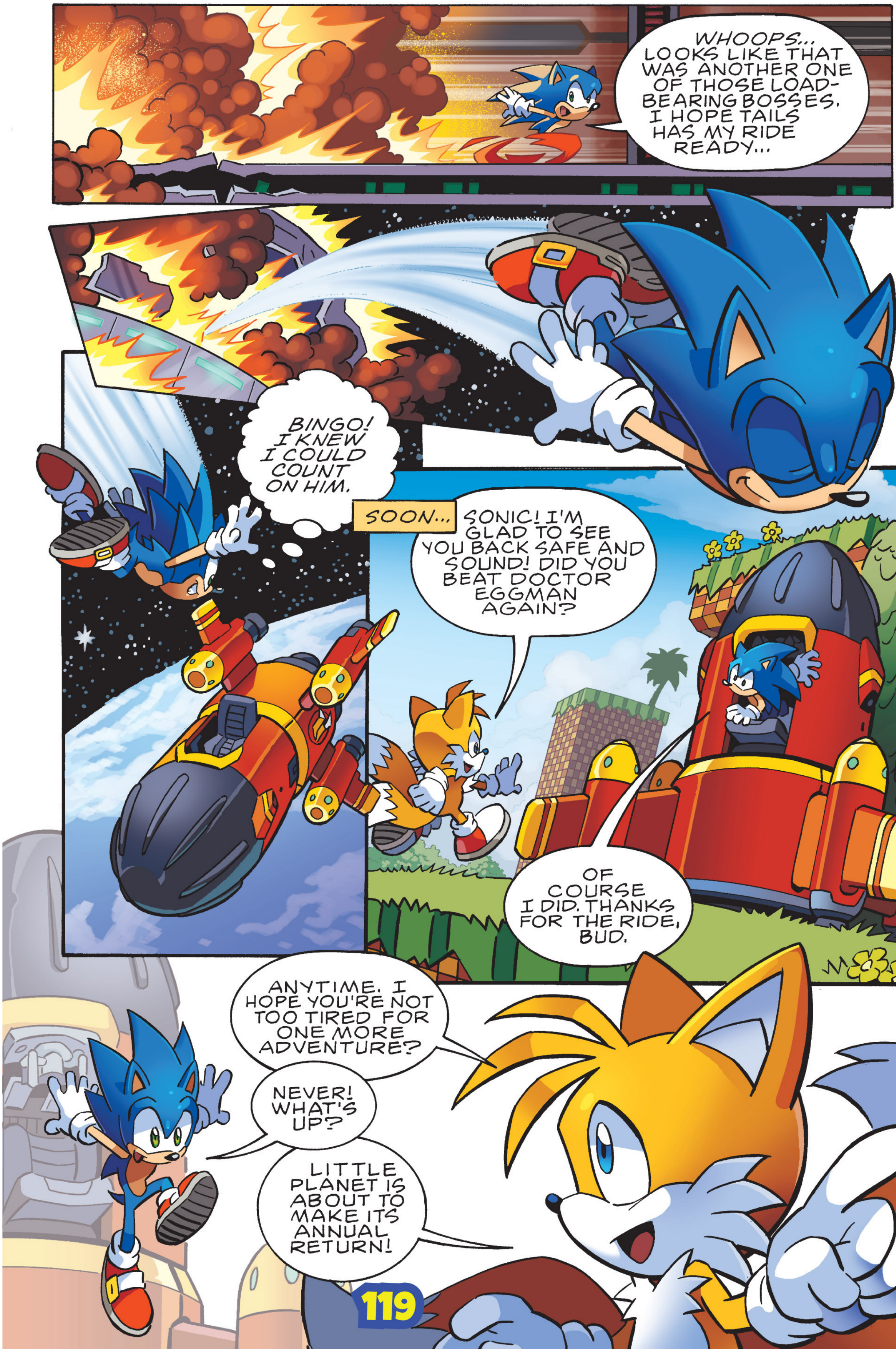

IN ANOTHER TIME, IN ANOTHER PLACE...
THE E.G.G. STATION...
C'MON, DOC! STEP IT UP! YOU'RE TOO SLOW!
RRRR ARGH! HOLD STILL!
OLÉ!
SLAM!
AAAAAAND WE'RE DONE! NICE TRY, DOC!
NO!
BOOM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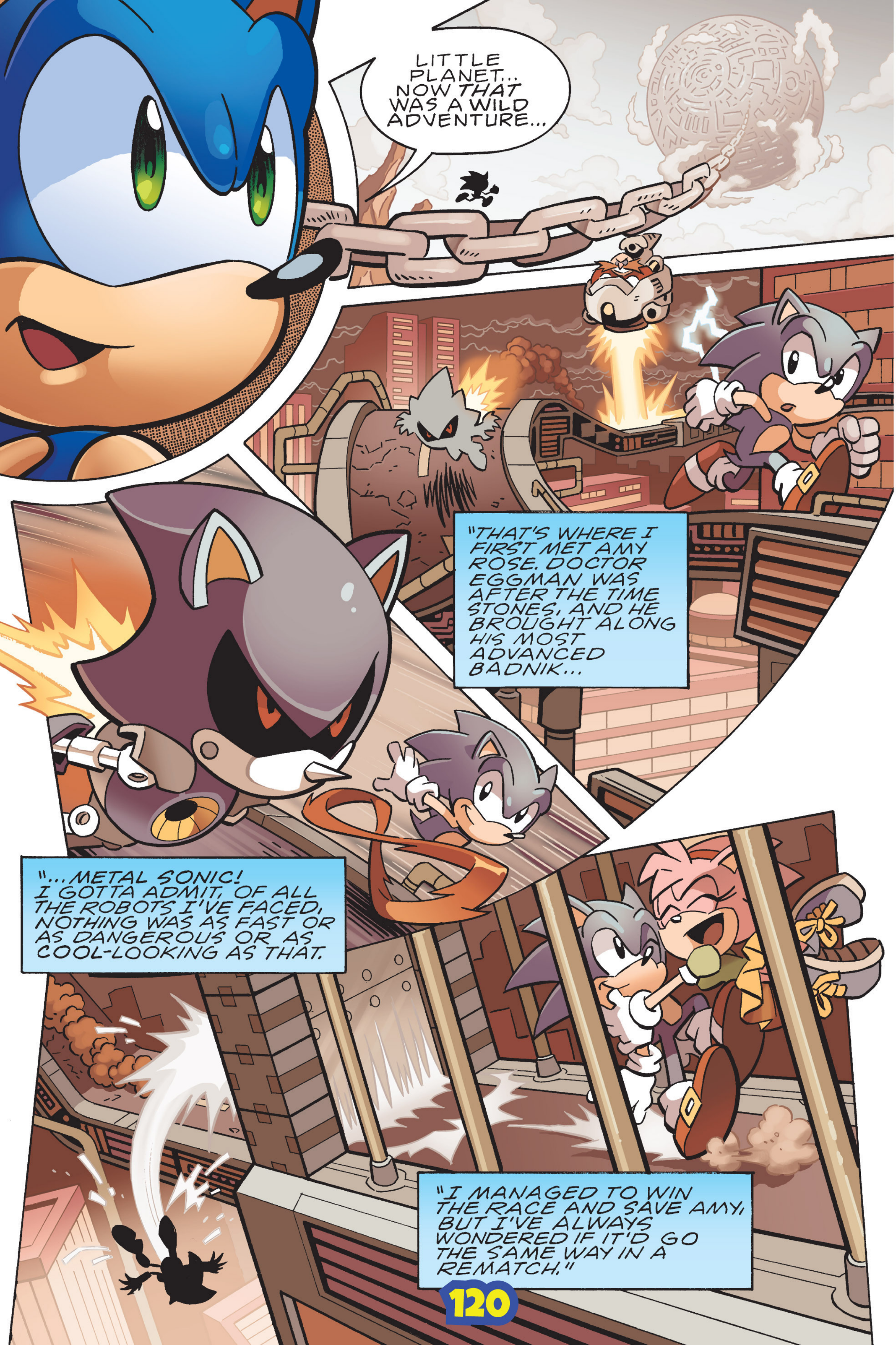
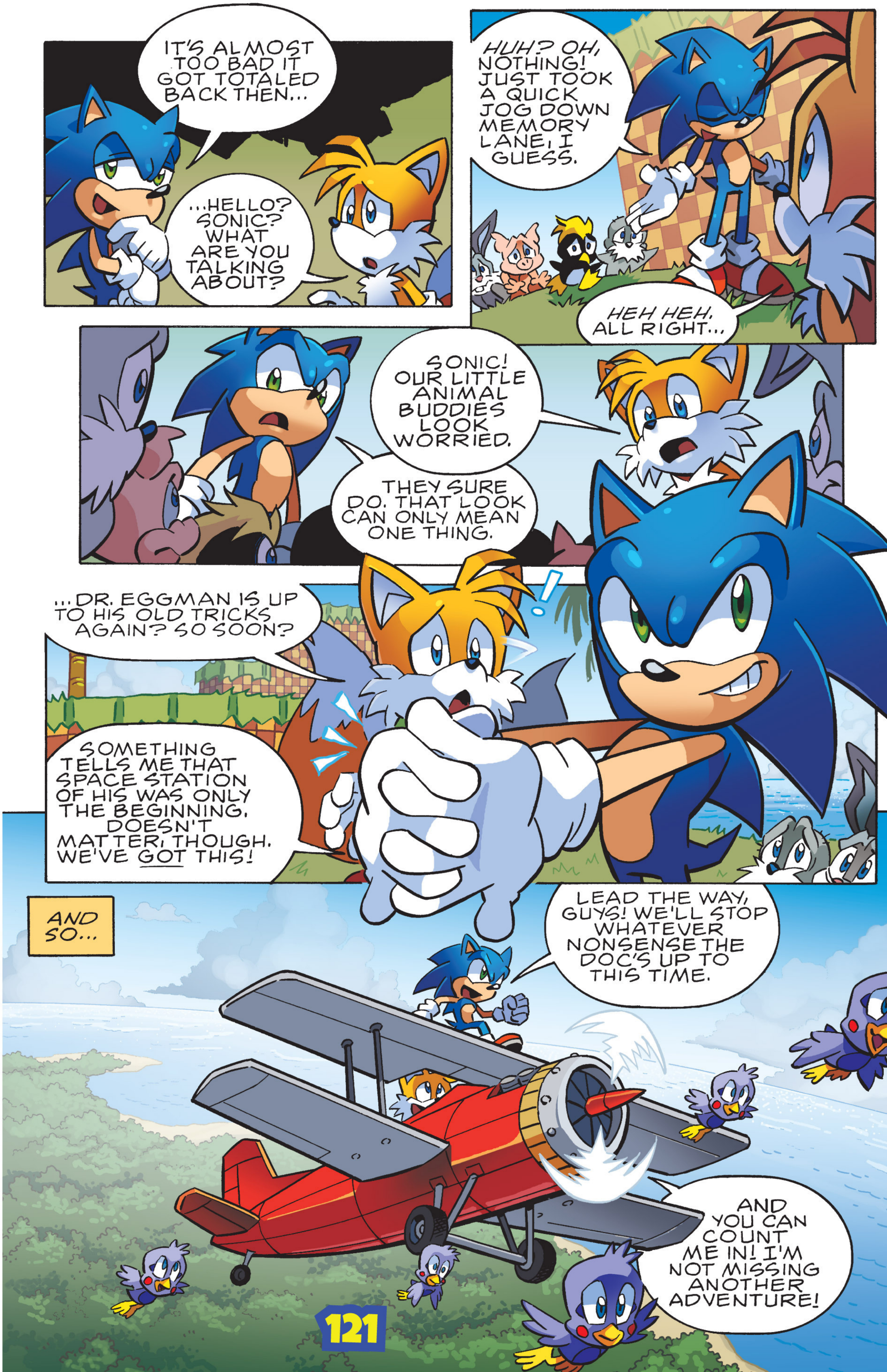
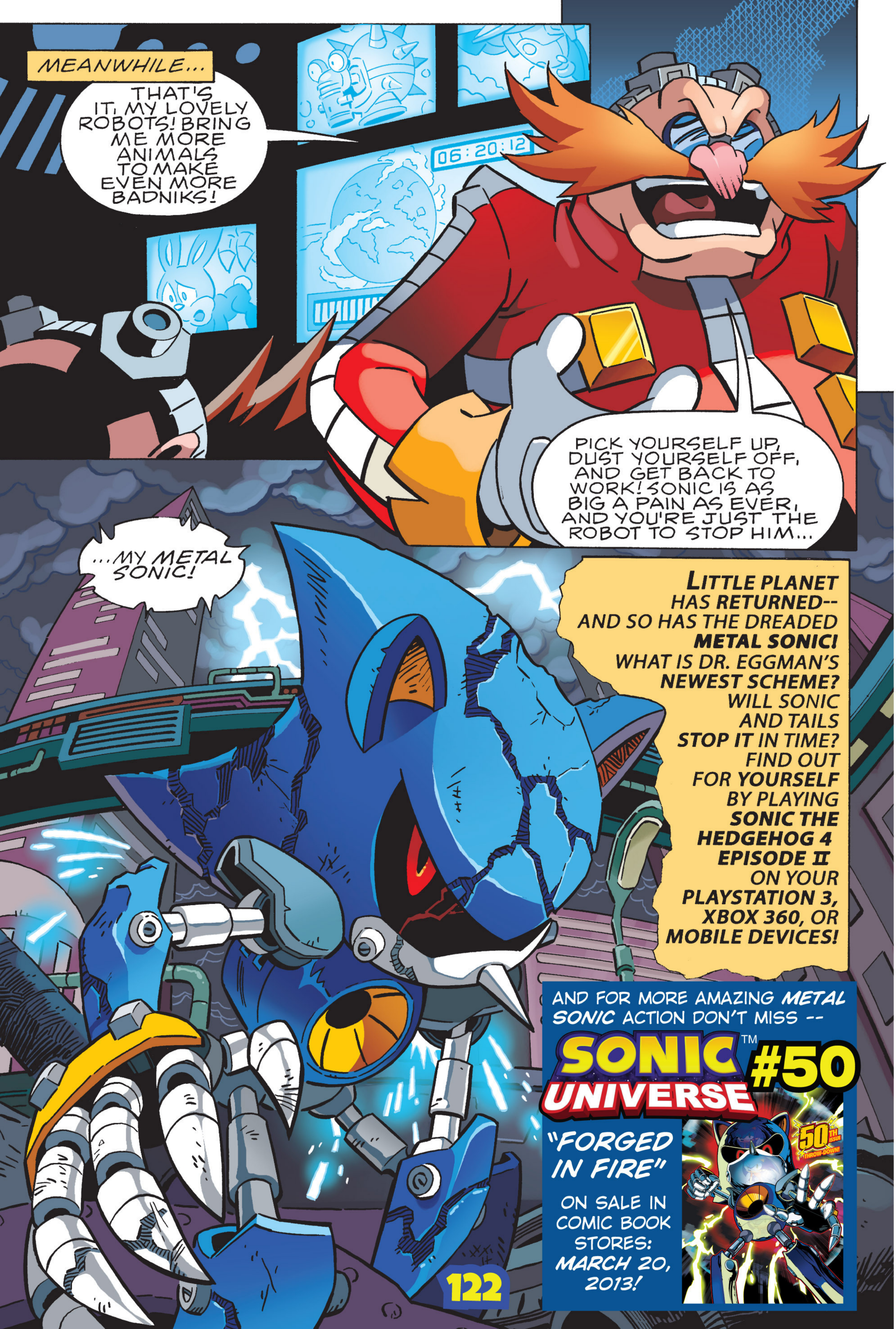
BINGO! I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON HIM.
SOON...
SONIC! I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU BACK SAFE AND SOUND! DID YOU BEAT DOCTOR EGGMAN AGAIN?
OF COURSE I DID. THANKS FOR THE RIDE, BUD.
ANYTIME. I HOPE YOU'RE NOT TOO TIRED FOR ONE MORE ADVENTURE?
NEVER! WHAT'S UP?
LITTLE PLANET IS ABOUT TO MAKE ITS ANNUAL RETURN!


LITTLE PLANET... NOW *THAT* WAS A WILD ADVENTURE...
"THAT'S WHERE I FIRST MET AMY ROSE. DOCTOR EGGMAN WAS AFTER THE TIME STONES, AND HE BROUGHT ALONG HIS MOST ADVANCED BADNIK...
"...METAL SONIC! I GOTTA ADMIT, OF ALL THE ROBOTS I'VE FACED, NOTHING WAS AS FAST OR AS DANGEROUS OR AS COOL-LOOKING AS THAT.
"I MANAGED TO WIN THE RACE AND SAVE AMY, BUT I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED IF IT'D GO THE SAME WAY IN A REMATCH."


IT'S ALMOST TOO BAD IT GOT TOTALED BACK THEN...
...HELLO? SONIC? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
HUH? OH, NOTHING! JUST TOOK A QUICK JOG DOWN MEMORY LANE, I GUESS.
HEH HEH. ALL RIGHT...
SONIC! OUR LITTLE ANIMAL BUDDIES LOOK WORRIED.
THEY SURE DO. THAT LOOK CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING.
...DR. EGGMAN IS UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS AGAIN? SO SOON?
!
SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT SPACE STATION OF HIS WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING. DOESN'T MATTER, THOUGH. WE'VE GOT THIS!
AND SO...
LEAD THE WAY, GUYS! WE'LL STOP WHATEVER NONSENSE THE DOC'S UP TO THIS TIME.
AND YOU CAN COUNT ME IN! I'M NOT MISSING ANOTHER ADVENTURE!


MEANWHILE...
THAT'S IT, MY LOVELY ROBOTS! BRING ME MORE ANIMALS TO MAKE EVEN MORE BADNIKS!
06:20:12
PICK YOURSELF UP, DUST YOURSELF OFF, AND GET BACK TO WORK! SONIC IS AS BIG A PAIN AS EVER, AND YOU'RE JUST THE ROBOT TO STOP HIM...
...MY METAL SONIC!
LITTLE PLANET HAS RETURNED-- AND SO HAS THE DREADED METAL SONIC! WHAT IS DR. EGGMAN'S NEWEST SCHEME? WILL SONIC AND TAILS STOP IT IN TIME? FIND OUT FOR YOURSELF BY PLAYING SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 4 EPISODE II ON YOUR PLAYSTATION 3, XBOX 360, OR MOBILE DEVICES!
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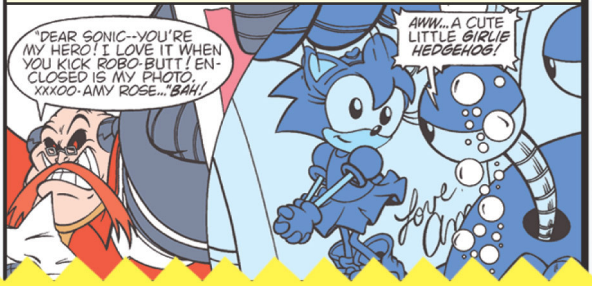
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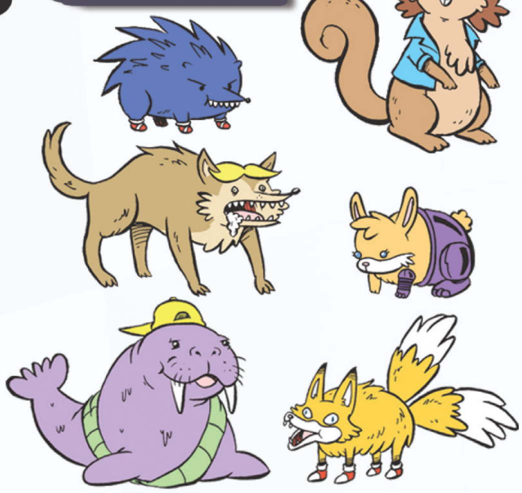

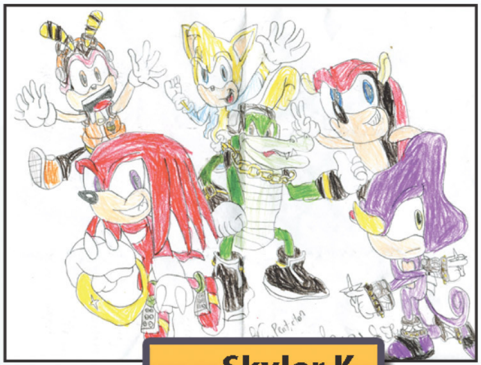

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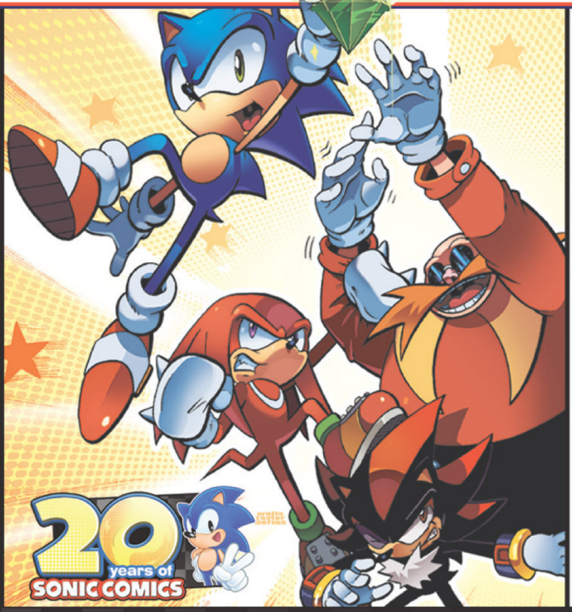

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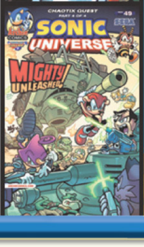

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